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From the Region Directors



WARNING! There's a new fever running rampant within the region. It's worse than Scarlet Fever. It's worse than Yellow Fever. It's very contagious. It's very dangerous. It alters your life. There is no cure for it. You are a carrier of it if you show signs of wanting to spend hours "in the saddle" just to lower your temperature. You yearn for fun and friendship. You break into a sweat, just thinking about chrome. You crave ice cream. Your mind thirsts for more knowledge and safety. You have a pocketful of old 50/50 tickets. The list of symptoms grows by the day. This is VERY serious! It's called RALLY FEVER.

Yes, Rally Fever has hit the northeast with a vengeance. The virus bug infiltrated our Region, in July, at the All New England District's Rally in West Springfield MA. It infected 10 of the 11 districts who were

represented. There was an endless amount of enthusiasm and fun filtering all through the Berkshires, from the Yankee Candle Factory Outlet to the many country and general stores. The infectious germ started to spread...

The next outbreak was reported in Newark, New York, where Ed and Dottie Bahrenburg and their outstanding staff spread the fever once again. The entire New York District suffered with rally fever. That was quite apparent when you saw the amazing display of raffle baskets being offered as an "antidote". Each chapter was asked to provide a themed basket for a drawing and it turned out to be a seriously competitive event. The true winners were those of us who had the opportunity to "buy into" the program and get a chance to win one of those valuable baskets worth upward into the hundreds of dollars and beyond. But the feverish temperature reached its peak during the Canal Races where things really got hot and people rallied around the drivers and the "engineers" all in the name of fun.

There is no doubt that the New York District is a strong carrier of Rally Fever and we are excited to have them back in the rally circuit. We will gladly suffer from this fever again next year because we experienced first hand that New York is coming back strong and unified once again and it is thanks to everyone because they are working as a team with the help and guidance of the entire District staff. Great job, well done Ed & Dottie and everyone associated with the success of your fun and exciting rally.

Just when you think you have finally been cured of this fever, here comes the Pennsylvania District Rally in Lancaster, PA. Since the PA Rally boasts the largest number of attendees within our region, this is where the infection really spread. One of the newer symptoms among the carriers was delusion. All we could see were "girls wearing poodle skirts, Saddle Shoes and Bobbie sox. The guys were always combing their greasy hair and only owned white T-shirts and blue jeans. Some of the groovy guys, however, did have leather jackets, letterman sweaters and knitted vest and even bowties. And they never walked anywhere; they just "strolled" around all weekend long.

The fever really spiked when we saw a vision. It was a seemingly well endowed, voluptuous and somewhat—ugly group of "ladies" who thought they had talent and called themselves THE STONETTES. (We must have them confused with THE GLAMAZONS from the new TV reality show America's Got Talent.)

Finally, we thought we had recovered and were no longer out of our minds. But, we had a relapse during the banquet. We really thought Chuck Stone ordered a "Stelth fly-by and fireworks" in our honor. But we were quite relieved to learn we were NOT losing our minds when it turned out to be only a bird, some thunder and lightening and a short power outage.

But, on a serious note, congratulations go out to Chuck & Evelyn Stone, their 4 assistants and their entire staff along with the entire PA District for a job well done. You nailed it! Right on! Way to go! GROOVY!

If you think the region is safe from Rally Fever, now that many of us have suffered through the critical point, be aware of THE RELAPSE, as the New Jersey Rally is right around the corner in September. And if you survive that, remember, the germs may be dormant for the rest of the year, but don't be surprised if it makes a comeback in January, 2008 during Winterthing in Ocean City, Maryland.

The New York Rally was the "Host Rally" for the Region Couple of the Year selection. As always, we had quality candidates again this year...all of them would make the region proud. But the final vote tally was in and the couple selected as your 2007-2008 Region Couple of the Year was Dan and Ruthann Camire from New Jersey. They will be our candidates at Wing Ding 30 in Greenville, South Carolina at the International Couple of the Year selection. You will, no doubt, be seeing them often, as they vowed to continue the region circuit and complete their visit to all the districts and many chapter gatherings. Please join us in congratulating this outstanding couple. Be sure to make your plans now to support them in Greenville. We want to say thank you to all the couples who participated in the selection. Your willingness to compete at the Region level is commendable and extremely appreciated. Thank you very much for supporting the Couple of the Year program throughout all the levels.

Special thanks to Steve & Carol Daley, our 2006-2007 Region Couple of the Year, for serving as our representatives at Wing Ding 29. You both did an extraordinary job during the International competition and we thank you for making Region B proud.

The drawing for the VTX motorcycle and the Silver Wing took place in Lancaster, PA this past weekend. The winner of the VTX was Floyd Miller, East Syracuse, NY and the winner of the Silver Wing was Louise Ann Young, Belfont, PA. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those districts who supported the raffle which was a joint effort with the PA district and the Region. Portions of the proceeds went to defray the cost of the prizes. Some were given to various charities, and the rest served as a fundraiser for both Pennsylvania and the Region.

Now is the time for us to try and fit in some R&R to get healthy so we can fight our next bout of Rally Fever in Mt. Olive. We hope to see many of you there.

Lorraine & Earl Knight
Northeast Region Directors

The Pennsylvania Rally Outshines The All New England Rally Who Outshined The Wing Ding Light Show

...and the competition heats up... Pennsylvania saw an opportunity to make headlines the same way the All New England District's Rally did in July. If only they had more than 38 bikes in their light show, they could outshine those who outshined the Wing Ding Light Show.

Well, the PA District never met a challenge they couldn't accomplish yet and this was not the time to ruin the record. So they gathered up all the owners of those awesome looking Gold Wings and asked them to light up the sky and take part in the light show.

The results were a total of 46 Gold Wings proudly circling the perimeter of the Lancaster Host Hotel as they set off a glow throughout the area. So now, PA you hold the title of "Leader of the Light Show", but beware, NJ is knocking at your door.

Region Trainers

Patricia & Donald Hoffman

E-Mail Etiquette

In GWRRA most of our correspondence is done by e-mail to cut expenses. Have you ever thought about the postage that we save each day just by turning on our computer, or how many times you email a friend just to say "Hi, how are you?", but would have thought twice about it if you had to pick up the phone to do it? I know that I talk more frequently with friends and relatives now with e-mail than I did when I had to stop and consider daytime rates versus evening rates.

I don't know about the rest of you, but it seems like all I get done lately is sort through e-mails. Some I need, want and use, others I just want to get rid of. I sometimes wonder how they get my e-mail address. Then I stopped and thought about it. I started looking at some of the e-mails that were forwarded by friends or acquaintances. Have you every really looked at your e-mail and seen how many times the message was forwarded and how many other people the sender sent it to? Please, when you send e-mails to more than one person at one time, do not use the "TO:" line to insert all e-mail addresses. The reasons are simple and quite clear:

1. First of all, it is a total lack of respect to a person's privacy and a total breach of confidentiality. When you put all the addresses in the "TO:" line, you just published all the e-mail addresses for all to see without anyone's permission. That's exactly the same as if you had shown everyone's home address and telephone number without asking their permission, for someone to see and save to use later. I'm quite sure many of your friends on your e-mail list don't want their e-mail address known to all and want them kept private by you.
2. Have you ever thought that somewhere down the line your e-mail message may end up in someone's e-mail box that you do not know? You do not know if that person will sell your e-mail address to someone who buys them for sending porn, gambling, credit, and other type of advertisements. And when you send e-mails this way, you expose all your friends on the list to viruses from anyone on that list. Whether that person knows it or not. Some people don't even know they have a virus, it stays in the outbox and either

attaches itself to their outgoing mail, or just randomly attaches itself to everyone in their address book. Now, would that be something you'd like for yourself and for your friends and family in your address book?

What to do then, to protect all the people you care about and want to keep their e-mail addresses protected and confidential out of respect? It is really very simple. On any e-mail you open to forward you have (or should have) three headers:

- **TO:** Which means to whom you send your e-mail
- **CC:** Which means that you send a conformed copy
- **BCC:** Which means blind conformed copy
That's the one to use! BCC means that all your recipients will not be listed for all to see. Their e-mail addresses will be BLIND to all. All will get their email, BUT won't get the list of the other recipients., which respects everyone's privacy and avoids all those e-mail addresses from being shown publicly.

Let's all try and keep our friends, family and acquaintances e-mail addresses private, and maybe we can all get rid of the spam that clutters up our incoming mail boxes.

Region Public Relations

WOW, GWRRA NY has certainly been busy the last couple of months.

On Sunday, 15 July, various GWRRA NY Chapters participated in the Utica Ride for Kids-Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. It was one for the record books as hundreds of motorcyclists in Utica, NY, as well as in Chicago, IL., raised \$514,754. The Upstate NY riders put the day over the half-million mark. Participants in this ride gave generously, contributing nearly \$115,000 to the record-setting day.

The top club was GWRRA-NY-N with \$15,854. Greg and Dee Eames, GWRRA NY-W, collected over \$4,200 and were the fourth highest fundraiser in NY. Greg and Dee Eames, GWRRA NY-W collected over \$4,200 and were the 4th highest fundraiser in NY. Congratulations to Greg and Dee on this honor.

The NY District Rally was held 9-11 August at the Quality Inn in Newark, NY. There were approximately 200 attendees at the Rally. They took in some great rides, visited the vendors, played some interesting games, ate ice cream donated by Chapter C, attended the Couple of the Year (COY) reception and watched the selection process, attended seminars, met past and new friends from all over the Region. One couple even came from Colorado to see what NY GWRRA was all about. Chapters from as far west as Niagara Falls (NY-H) and as far south and east as Long Island (NY-K) were represented. NY City borough of the Bronx (NY-R) was also on hand to put on bike games. Some enjoyed the after hours friendship and sharing stories.

The baskets were a big hit at the rally. Thanks to everyone who donated their time and gifts. NY-Y Binghamton's basket took top honors. It still was a great fundraiser.

The new Northeast Region COY was selected at the rally. NY, DE, NJ and MD District couples gave the judges a difficult choice. We are proud of all the participants and thank Ron & Pat Schroth from Chapter NY-F for representing NY as well as they did. They are all winners, and the judges were tasked with choosing the couple that would best represent the Region at Wing Ding in South Carolina next year. Dan & Ruth Ann Camire from NJ emerged when the final grades were tallied. Congratulations to them and well wishes as they prepare for an even tougher selection process next July.

Some took advantage of the seminars and Rider Ed riding courses being offered. Chapter C NY-Chapter Educator was honored at the Saturday night banquet as the 2007 Chapter Educator of the Year for the NY District. Congratulations Tony and Michele Van Schiack.

Next year looks to be bigger and better. So, if anyone is wandering around Upstate NY during the month of August, stop by and attend our rally, like the couple from Colorado.

*Linda L. Waterman
NY District Public Relations*

Region Newsletter Editor

Debbie Casale

Greetings Everyone!

Looks like you will be hearing from me each month...I will be the person sending the reminder e-mails about newsletter articles and information.

Thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself...I am a member of Rhode Island Chapter "B", we have 60+ members in our Chapter. We ride, shop, eat, sleep and have so much fun together. We visited Killington, VT the weekend of August 10th - 13th to attend Vermont Chapter "A's Annual Picnic in Plymouth, VT. The Chapter Directors of Vermont Chapter "A", Joe and Carol Coyne, used to live in Rhode Island and served as Assistant Chapter Directors for our "B" Chapter. This trip up north has been an annual ride event for our Chapter for many years, and now that our friends Joe and Carol have officially relocated to Vermont, it will continue to be so for many years to come. This was my first experience with this event, I must say it was just great...Joe, Carol and all the Vermont District and Chapter members were very hospitable. And of course riding along the Vermont countryside is breathtaking!

I do not own my own motorcycle...I ride with friends, Judy and Bob Burns, Rhode Island District Directors. Judy has her own bike, I am Bob's co-rider. So far the journey has been wonderful. I'm looking forward to many more years of safe, enjoyable riding with everyone!

Please feel free to contact me with any issues, questions, concerns or suggestions about the newsletter. I look forward to working with all of you!

P.S. I've been publishing the Chapter "B" newsletter for a year now. Check out our web site sometime...www.gwrra-ri.org/b/.

Region 2007-2008 Couple of the Year



Dan & Ruthann Camire

First, let us introduce ourselves. We are Dan & RuthAnn Camire, we reside in Shamong, NJ. We have 2 married daughters, their husbands are both talented young men. They have given us 3 Grandchildren and one on the way in December.

At the NY Rally we were given the honor of becoming your 2007-2008 NE Region B Couple of the Year. As our journey begins we are looking forward to meeting each and everyone of you to make new friends and renew old friendships.

In the last year as the NJ District Couple of the Year 2006-2007, we embarked on a personal mission...to visit at least one Chapter in each District in Region B. This was done to encourage more Chapter and District Couples of the Year to be more involved with the program. We know that by staying home in the District of NJ we cannot see first hand the issues other Chapters and Districts are faced with; we need to be visible to everyone. We were fortunate to visit at least one Chapter in 8 of the 11 Districts in Region B. We have already challenged ourselves to try to visit all of the Districts between now and Wing Ding 30 in Greenville, SC.

Over the Spring, we had the opportunity to visit one such Chapter that we want to mention in this column. We had the privilege of visiting VT – A. Not really knowing any of the Chapter Participants we were greeted with open arms. We had the opportunity to speak to them not only one on one, but as a group. They quickly learned that we were their Ambassadors if they had any questions or concerns, and that we were also there to encourage and speak to them about the Couple of the Year program. We were also told by their Chapter Directors, Joe & Carol Coyne, that this was their largest attendance at a gathering in some time. We were the first District Couple of the Year from any District to attend one of their gatherings. Well, we are going to take it another step within the next year. We will be the first NE Region B Couple of the Year to visit one of their Chapter Gatherings. The Chapter Participants feel forgotten, but I can assure you that RuthAnn & I have not forgotten anyone. If, we can be of assistance in any capacity, please do not hesitate to contact us. Until, Next Month Be Safe, Dan & RuthAnn Camire

NE Region B Couple of the Year 2007-08

Region Rider Educator
Dick Norton

Hi there

Seems like every time I read the paper there are more motorcycle accidents. One in today's paper told of an accident with a causality, with massive head trauma. One reader wrote in suggesting that the victim may have lived if he were NOT wearing a helmet. With our training and common sense, I doubt if that reader has taken any safety courses

One cause of a lot of accidents is trying to ride faster than you are comfortable with. Whether you are trying to keep up with a group or are trying to push the envelope a little too much when riding solo.

Here's an article from Allen Nunes from MA.

Safety Note: LIMITS

One of the most important concepts taught in any of our courses is that to ride safely, responsible motorcyclists know and ride within the limits of their abilities. To ride safely, one must know the limits of their abilities, their motorcycle's capabilities, the environment in which they ride, and the traffic laws. Once a rider understands this, they must take responsibility for operating within those limits. One must always remember the original concept of staying within their limits. Don't be in such a rush to jump ahead of yourself, especially if you are being pushed by external forces. When you go beyond your limits, there are two things that can happen. One is that you could have an accident and get hurt. The other is that you could almost have an accident. Both may scare you enough that you never ride again. So, here are some pointers for staying within your limits: ~Don't let anyone talk you into buying a motorcycle that is too much for you. Start small, work your way up. There are plenty of good- looking small cc bikes out there. In a year or two you will be ready to up-grade to larger and faster. ~Stay in parking lots if you don't feel ready for the road. ~Choose the days and times you ride. Avoid rush hour if possible. ~Don't ride faster than you are comfort-able with. Tell your friends that you'll meet them at the next rest area. ~Choose your route carefully. Avoid roads with construction or heavy traffic patterns. The more scenic route is nicer anyway. ~Dress appropriately. The more comfort-able you are, the more you will be able to concentrate on the tasks involved in riding. Carry extra riding gear in case the weather changes. ~Look at a map before you get started and carry it with you. Lost on the highway is not cool and it can be scary getting on and off exits trying to find your way. ~If you were a passenger before, remember that you got on the front of that motor-cycle in order to control your own destiny. So do it! Don't allow anyone to push you beyond your limits. ~Ride with other people who have taken a course, and you will have similar riding techniques. Untrained rider's reactions are harder to predict. Ride in a staggered formation and always give yourself plenty of room. ~Always expect the unexpected. The unexpected could be unpleasant. All surprises on a motorcycle should be pleasant ones. ~Always do a pre-ride check. ~Read motorcycle books and magazines to learn as much as you can about motorcycling.

Ride Safely, Allan Nunes - Chapter F Rider Educator MA

Please be careful out there,

Dick

New Jersey District Rally
September 6th, 7th and 8th - Mount Olive, NJ

Are you ready to rummmble? Or, are you ready to paaartay? It is hard to believe that we are well into August with the Rolling Hills Rally getting closer day by day. If you haven't registered for the rally or reserved your room at the Wyndham, I would suggest that you do so as soon as possible (like right now).

1) Call the Wyndham at 973-448-1100 right now and ask for Donna.

2) After hanging up from your call to Donna go to www.gwrranj.org to register for the rally (before you forget). Below is a list of some of the rally activities.

Two buffet dinners will be available, one on Thursday night and one on Friday night. A great sit-down dinner celebration on Saturday night (Included with your rally registration) Master's Breakfast; District Couple of the Year selection; Guided and self-guided rides through the rolling hills; 3 Evenings in the garden (moonshine in the moonlight) with friends - always good for a few laughs; 10 seminars to choose from; Wingo Bingo - win a prize or two; Ice Cream Social - Mandatory GWRRA fare; Light Parade; Hospitality Suite; Door prizes; Bike Show - Ride and shine and show; People Games; Bike Games - Test your riding skills and watch others be humbled; Tattoos; Line Dancing; Couple of the Year Door It won't be the same if you are not there.

Bill & Patt Losey
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Contest; 50/50 drawings; And our special visitors - The Purple Peddlers from Ohio, plus 15 Vendors (maybe more) that your bike wants you to visit, such as: Pinstriping - murals - graphics – airbrushing; Trailers and hitches (installation available); Clothing, Pins, patches, and stickers; Leather pocketbooks; Trike conversions, Boogey Lights LED & Neon (installation available); Shimmee Shirts; Beaded T-shirts; Hats; Chrome Wheels; Jewelry and accessories; Pewter; Gerbing heated clothing; Gold Wing Chrome; Kuryakyn accessories; Roadgear; Frogtoogs; ProtectAll; Motorcycle seat covers and upholstery (installation available); Women and men's Swiss skin care and nutrition products; Massage Therapy And more.....

NE Region & District Web Pages

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Connecticut	www.gwrra-ct.org
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Maryland	www.gwrra-md-district.org
Massachusetts	www.gwrrama.org
New Hampshire	www.orgsites.com/nh/gwrra
New Jersey	www.gwrranj.org
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