

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



Chapter W Newsletter

January : 2008

Hi Everybody;

2007 has come and gone and 2008 is here. Let's start looking forward and planning for chapter activities for the New Year. By now many of you have seen the chapter survey and responded. If you haven't responded, please go to your email for the link and get your answers recorded.

Although winter is upon us our motorcycle related activities are still going strong. Don't forget our Post Holiday Dinner, Saturday, January 19 at Scotch-n-Sirloin. Get your reservations and menu choices to Bob Bacon. This will be a fun evening and I hope to see you all there.

Another fun event for next year is Wing Ding. The following is from the district newsletter. If you are going this is something you will want to participate in.

You can go down in history (just like Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer.) You can help set a record in The FAMOUS Guinness Book of Records for the Worlds Largest Gold Wing Motorcycle Parade ever to be established. **When and where?** Wing Ding 30, on July 3-6, 2008, in Greensboro, South Carolina we will be the first to establish this new record category. The Event Management Staff of Wing Ding 30 has made contact with Guinness, filed all the proper applications and have received back their confirmations. They have been working directly with the City of Greenville CVB, as well as media coverage for the record attempt. To make the event worthy of consideration, we must provide 4 independent counts as well as a video or DVD of the attempt and the proper paperwork, which the Event Staff will provide. **Why? Because we can, after all...We are Gold Wing Road Riders! The headline could read, "Northeast Region of GWRRA plays major roll in Guinness Book!"** Yes, we could even see an * next to our names. Once again our region has the dubious honor of organizing and hosting the Grand Parade at Wing Ding again this year. Considering the fact that the region staff is made up mostly of new officers, this makes it doubly interesting and challenging. But, fortunately for everyone, we are all up to the task and with everyone's help and cooperation; we **WILL CREATE** a memorable event. Please pass the word that **EVERYONE's** assistance will be needed in working together to organize the Grand Parade and helping us spread the word to get as many Gold Wings in the parade as possible. Our goal is to get at least 1100-1200 Gold Wings in the parade.

The following are some events to keep in mind for the Dash for Cash, our chance to have the district cover our registration fee next year. We would need 6 card-carrying members to attend to earn the points. Each rally is worth 2 points.

Dates to Keep in Mind - 2008

January 10-12 Maryland District Rally; WinterThing 2008, Ocean City, MD
 January 26 NY District Meeting, Chenango Fire Station, Binghamton, NY
 June 21 Delaware District Ride In
 July 3 – 6 Wing Ding XXX, Greenville, SC
 July 17-19 New England Rally, Rutland, VT
 July 31-Aug 2 New Jersey Rolling Hills Rally, Mt. Olive, NJ
 August 7-9 The Race is On to the New York District Rally, Newark, NY
 August 21-23 Pennsylvania District Rally, Johnstown, PA

As mentioned at the December Gathering we have a district meeting January 26. Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, and Rider Educators are encouraged to attend. Anyone is welcome. So if you are interested let me know and I will get the information to Ed. Ginny and I and Greg and Dee are planning to attend.

New York District Meeting

When: January 26, 2008, 9 AM – 4 PM

Where: Chenango Fire Station, Binghamton, NY

Lunch: \$10 pp (details will follow in flyer)

Coming in early? Rooms are blocked at the Comfort Inn (1000 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905) cost \$89 +tax per night (includes Breakfast buffet). Call 1-800-469-7009 mention "GWRRA"

For those coming early, there will be a "get-together" at the Comfort Inn on Friday night.

Here is the information I have on the Northeast Region Logo Contest. If you have questions, contact Lorraine Knight at the address shown below.

WE WANT YOU.**To Enjoy a FREE RALLY for TWO this SUMMER!!**

Select the District Rally of your choice from within the Northeast Region and receive **TWO FREE** Rally Registrations +

TWO RALLY T-SHIRTS

Enter to win the

NORTHEAST REGION LOGO CONTEST

We are looking for a new logo to identify our region. Who better to help us in our search but YOU the members? All you have to do is create a design that best represents our region and submit it for consideration. Designs may be submitted electronically, or by mail. If you have an idea but can't draw a straight line, submit your idea and we will have it created for your final approval.

Each design must include the GWRRA logo; and the words Northeast Region.

The winning design will be made into patches and pins. The patch will be no larger than 4".

The pin will be no larger than 2".

Designs or ideas must be submitted no later than January 31, 2008. Please submit to: Lorraine Knight at lknight33@cox.net or Mail to: 71 Harris Street, Pawtucket, RI 02861

By the way, there is another logo contest underway. We need a logo for the New York District Rally. It may be too late to get your ideas submitted. Here is the information I have.

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Logo contest: We have only received a few entries to the Rally Logo Contest. So we are extending the deadline to January 1, 2008. Remember, the Rally theme is: ***The Race is on to the New York District Rally!***

Rally dates: August 7-9, 2008, Newark, NY.

There will be a Women's Only Event again this year. And, to go along with the NASCAR theme, our event will be "Red Neck Women". Anyone interested in helping to organize this event, contact Dottie Bahrenburg at wingin-it@stny.rr.com Don't worry about meetings, we can share ideas and plan this event online and over the phone. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out.

Well that's it for now. I hope you all have a great New Year.

Mike and Ginny

The next normal Dinner meeting will be on
 February 21st. **2008** at Pando's, 2771 Scottsville Road.
 Please call in your reservations to **Dave and Diane Hill** - 377-1801
 before the 17th.
 Dinner Meeting schedule: Meet and eat at 6:00 pm – Meeting after dinner.

Visit our Web Site at www.gwrra-nyw.org/ & See Want Ads, updates etc.

Breakfast At Stoney's

Breakfast at Stoney's takes place the first Saturday of each month. Please plan on joining the gang there for a delicious breakfast and gabfest.

Stoney's is located at 2005 Lyell Ave. just off I-390. It is almost across from Lee Road on the south side of Lyell. Lyell turns into Spencerport Road at Howard Rd.

Please RSVP Al Skiles at 352-1087 before Thursday

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Ron Weber	Jan. 16			
Bonnie Rowles	Jan. 17	Bill & Betsy Proud	Jan. 1	42 Yrs
Pat Latus	Jan 18	Mike & Elaine O' Leary	Jan 31st.	Yrs
Jim Fishbaugh	Jan. 18			
Liz Fishbaugh	Jan. 19			
Paul Thayer	Jan. 23			
Allen Skiles	Jan. 28			
Mike Goforth	Jan. 30			
Mike O'Leary	Jan. 31			
Karen Hockenberry	Jan. 31			

Editors Corner

Greetings, Chapter "W" and all other "Gold Wing Riders,"

Hi Everybody,

Like Mike said, Christmas has come and gone, next is News Years Day. I don't know if you noticed or not but the days are getting longer rather than shorter, in a little more than eighty days we will be enjoying Spring.

I noticed the The Americade was not on the list of events for the Dash for Cash promotion by the district. I know an awful lot of the chapters go to Lake George every year. I know that Americade is not a sponsored event by the district. Maybe Mike & Ginny or Greg and Dee can bring that up at the district meeting in January, it could be worth a couple of more points. If not this year maybe next year.

Being a new year plus the fact that my computer failed and I lost a bunch of data. Is there anyone either in cyber space or in the snail mail category that is missing this months newsletter or would like to be removed from my present active list for the newsletter ? If so contact me either by phone or via e-mail

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Ron Hinz – 585-615-RIDE

Ride Schedule for Jan. 2008, All rides leave BKW at 6:30 PM
More info on the chapter website –

- 1-1 Happy New Year
 - 1-8 Yiannis - 120 Pixely Road
 - 1-15 Pineview Family Restaurant - 2139 Union St.
 - 1-22 Jim & Ralphs - 2997 Buffalo Road.
 - 1-28 Town & Country Family Restaurant - 3205 Chili Ave.
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New Years Solutions

It is the time of year that we make New Years resolutions for the things that we can not keep during the course of the past year. I think that adds stress that is not needed and makes me feel guilty of what I am eating. As we reflect on our past year and give thanks for what we have, why not think of realistic solutions, not unrealistic resolutions? Make plans now for things that will make the next season a safe riding one.

Helmet

Is your helmet DOT or Snell approved? How old is it? Has it been dropped or have deep scratches? If so, it may be time to look for a new gourd guard. The newer helmets are made from stronger material and are lighter, which will be less tiring for you. Make sure you try the helmet on to make sure it fits properly, snug but not too tight. Wear it for a period to time to see how it feels. I usually have the dark visor on so no one recognizes me as I walk around the store shaking like a bobble head doll.

Outer Gear

Check your jacket, pants, gloves and boots to make sure that they would really help you in case you left your bike at speed. Does it have padding in all the strategic areas? Are the boots over the ankle to protect your feet? Leather or good quality textile are some options. In hot weather, mesh gear with armor is a better solution than applying a skin graft to the pavement. Dress for a crash, not for the ride.

Bike Check

Make a safety checklist of your motorcycle and go over it during the off season. If you don't remember when you changed some of the major safety items such as brake fluid, brakes, tires, etc, they are probably overdue. Get a manual and review the check list of all the maintenance items and when they should be changed. This way, you will be ready to ride in the spring, instead of spending chancing.

Safety course

When is the last time you took a motorcycle safety course? How about your passenger? Now is a good time to sign up for a spring tune up safety class. You tune up the bike; why not tune up your skills?

These are just a couple of New Years solutions that will be easier to live by than wondering if the latest eating trend is low carbs or high protein. When I think of carbs, it is only because fuel injection was not available for my motorcycle at the time.

Happy New Year.

Practice Safe Riding

Gary Mandak

(Back by Popular Demand)

A Final Wish For 2007

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastro-endocrinologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your gynecologist, your plumber and the IRS.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May you find a way to travel from anywhere to anywhere in the rush hour in less than an hour, and when you get there may you find a parking space.

May Friday evening, December 31, find you seated around the dinner table, together with your beloved family and cherished friends, ushering in the new year ahead. You will find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper, and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May you wake up on January 1st, finding that the world has not come to an end, the lights work, the water faucets flow, and the sky has not fallen.

May you go to the bank on Monday morning, January 3rd and find your account is in order, your money is still there and any mistakes are in your favor.

May you ponder on January 4th; How did this ultramodern civilization of ours manage to get itself traumatized by a possible slip of a blip on a chip made out of sand.

May we relax about the future and realize that we still have a long long time until we pass by which time the computer is long since obsolete and so are we.

May God give you the strength to go through a year of presidential campaigning, and may some of the promises made be kept. May you believe at least half of what the candidates propose, and may those elected fulfill at least half of what they promise, and the miracle of reducing taxes and balancing budgets happen.

May you be awe struck by God's sense of humor as you wrestle with the possibility that a professional wrestler could become president of the United States.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.

May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes, and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner, and may your check book and your budget balance, and may they include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, your parents, your friends; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse, your hairdresser or your tennis instructor.

May we live as God intended, in a world at peace and the awareness of His love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile,

every lover's kiss, and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

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