

# ***GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION***



## **Chapter W Newsletter**

**March: 2008**

I am sitting at my computer looking out the window at a gorgeous Sunday afternoon and trying to come up with ideas for the February newsletter. It would be a beautiful day for riding except for two problems. It's too cold outside and there is a lot of salt on the roads. Ginny just came back from a short trip to Wegmans's and said it's not too cold. She does agree there's too much salt, so I guess I'll give up going for a ride this afternoon.

Today's beautiful weather does point out the fact that we will all be riding soon. It's not too early to start planning for your first ride and the many to come after. Is your bike ready? Are you ready? Do you want to add lights or chrome? Now is the time to get these things done.

The result of our ride-planning meeting is a great list of activities for the season. Thanks to everyone who participated. As you're looking over the list trying to figure out which rides to go on and what activities to participate in, remember the Dash for Cash. We can earn points to have our registration fee for next year paid for by the district by attending other chapter activities and other state rallies. I know we are already planning to attend chapter F's next gathering in March. I hope many of you will be able to attend. We need at least six active members to gain one point. We will keep you posted on the details as the time gets closer.

As I mentioned at the last gathering our chapter is responsible for planning some rides for the New York District rally. It would be great to have someone to coordinate this effort. Let me know if one of you would like to take on this assignment. You can make this a fun job and it will give you an opportunity to do a little riding as you check out the route.

Don't forget, we will again be doing a basket raffle at the New York District rally. Ginny and I have a large basket we would be happy to make available. We need a keeper of the basket. Let me know if you would like to take on this responsibility.

That's it for this month.

Mike and Ginny.      Chapter Directors

Meeting notes for February 21, 2008 47 members in attendance Meeting started at 7:00 PM

**Mike Schelkun** – Chapter Director –

- Americade (June 2 – 7) – Volunteers are needed in 3 hour increments. Please call Ed if you are interested.
- NY District Rally (August 7-9) - Chapter W is responsible for organizing the rides. Mike is looking for someone to coordinate them.
- Wing Ding (July 3-6) – Northeast Region is responsible for the Grand Parade. Volunteers are needed.
- A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Barb Fedeli for her many years of volunteering as the Sunshine Club Coordinator.
- A Certificate of Appreciation and gift certificate was given to Bob Bacon for his 3 years as Chapter Director.

**Gary Mandek** –

- Gary made reference that there use to be 26 Gold Wing Chapters in New York State and now there are 13. Ours is a very active and strong chapter.
- 22 members went through 7 hours of CPR, First Aid and AED training. Certificates were handed out.
- He will put a list of what should be in a First Aid kit in the next newsletter.
- There are 3 levels of Rider Education. Gary explained what is needed for the 3 levels. He made reference that if you are CPR, First Aid and AED certified that you might be qualified to be at level 3.

**John Kent** – Ride Safety Educator

- Gave information about the ride that he will lead to Lock Haven, PA on September 12 – 14. There are only 7 rooms available at the B and B. Please contact him for further information.
- He showed us some “truck tread” and explained the danger that it can cause.

**Pat Cannon** - Ride Coordinator

- Pat handed out the new ride schedule and asked that everyone take a look at it and let him know if anything needs to be added or changed. He also noted that there are some rides that still need leaders. Please contact him if you are interested.
- He advised us that the new meeting place for our Tuesday night rides, beginning with the May 6<sup>th</sup> ride, will be Tinker Nature Park in Henrietta. Directions will be supplied.

**Greg Eames** - Assistant Chapter Director-

- Chapter F has the traveling plaque. We are planning to attend their March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to “steal” it. 6 card carrying members are needed. We also need to bring a camera to take a picture to prove we were there. We will meet at Charlie’s in Victor between 7:30 and 8:00 AM.

**Jim and Linda Pearson** –

- They gave information on the ride that they will be leading to Sharon Springs Sept 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. The bed and breakfast that they picked is Clausen Farms Bed & Breakfast. There are 13 rooms available. 50% needs to be paid at the time reservations are made. Please contact them with questions.

**Paul Wood** – Assistant District Director

- June 15<sup>th</sup> is the NY Chapter Picnic. There will not be a “ride in” this year.

**Bonnie Rowles** –

- She gave information about the Mothers Day, may 11<sup>th</sup>, ride that Rick and her will be leading. It will be at The Genesee River Restaurant. Please contact them for more information.

**Bob Bacon** – Membership Coordinator

- He mentioned there was link on our website that takes you to a 10 minute or so video on the GWRRA.

**Dee Eames-**

- She gave information about a “Ladies” night out. It will be Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00Pm at Mykono’s. Please contact her or Diane Hill for more information.

Dear Chapter W Family, Friends, & Members.

As you know right now, my term of Chapter Director for NY-W has come to a close. I will always cherish the memories, experiences, the helping hands, and friends. Your pride and sense of sharing is outstanding. I also know that our local Chapter has been passed onto a GREAT team to carry us forward. During our transition planning meeting back last October, we discussed what positions were available and brainstormed who was best to fill those new roles. Amazing every role has been filled and all are now onboard. Let the Ride season for 2008 begin!

Let me also take this time to say "Thank-You" for the special recognition at the February Pando's monthly meeting. That was very thoughtful. Sandra and I will place this period of time in our memory banks, very close to our hearts. One not to be forgotten. We look forward to another riding season being a JAM, (Just - A- Member).

Bob & Sandra

The next normal Dinner meeting will be on  
 March 20<sup>th</sup>. **2008** at Pando's, 2771 Scottsville Road.  
 Please call in your reservations to **Dave and Diane Hill** - 377-1801  
 before the 16<sup>th</sup>.,  
 Dinner Meeting schedule: Meet and eat at 6:00 pm – Meeting after dinner.

## Editors Corner

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

By this time next month the bulbs will be pushing some leaves to the surface of the ground. I guess that means that the riding season is just around the corner. The plans that were made over the winter and early spring are about to materialize, but before we start, make sure that the majestic metal monsters are ready and safe to ride with you and your companion on board. Safety is always a concern. John's article this month is right in the mark.

We have a full plate of planned rides this season for not only the Tuesday night dessert rides but ice cream rides on Fridays as well as many single day and overnights for the weekends. Please remember that all is not cast in concrete, probably be a good idea to check the Chapter W website at [www.qwrra-nyw.org](http://www.qwrra-nyw.org) a couple of weeks in advance just to make sure every thing is still on schedule.

CYA

*Poor Billy*

## To Chapter W

As I move into the role of chapter educator I realize I have really big shoes to fill. I thank Gary Mandak for the long term and fine job he did for all of us. I will do my best to serve as well, but not for as long, as Gary did. Some of my newsletter reports will be based on my personal experiences. If you have a topic you'd like me to cover from your experience, a close call or mistake on the road, please let me know. I'll work with you to develop it into a lesson to share.

I thought I should have a tagline for my articles. Gary used the simple line "Practice Safe Riding" our District Educator Dan Corby uses "Dress for the crash, not the ride!". I chose something that I feel reflects my lifes philosophy, so.

Prepare for the worst, to enjoy the best.

John Kent Chapter W Educator

### Deer on the Highway

I don't profess to be an expert on this topic, but I will admit to being experienced. Living in a rural area, traveling a lot and having worked rotating shifts have exposed me to many deer. I have hit five with cars and two with Goldwings plus there have been too many close calls to count.

The first one I hit was in the Catskills at 10:20 in the morning. My wife and I were returning from a trip to Rhode Island and Connecticut. I didn't expect to see one at that time of day. Number two was on Union St. near Black Creek Park. I was on my way to work. I had no time to react prior to impact either time.

I feel that your best defense from having a deer accident is to learn the habits of deer. Hunters and their family members may have an advantage here. I look for deer, observe the ones I see and try to remember where I see them, what they are doing and their environment. The time of day, direction of travel, temperature, wind conditions. There is just too much to say here. I'd be glad to have a round table discussion at sometime on this topic with the chapter. With all my study and observation I still will never say what a deer will do at any given time or place. I do however feel that I know what they are most likely to do. I will say that where there is one; always assume that there are two or more.

Now that you have done your homework and know where to look for deer and what they are likely to do, what is next? You go riding in the country at dusk. If you see a deer react and avoid. Now you have a close call to tell about at the next dessert ride. If you don't see it in time, we have a whole new story. Assuming you are a t-clock rider who is properly dressed, this is where preplanning comes in. I call it mental *SIPDE*. We all need to plan ahead so you have a full menu of reactions that you don't have to think about when there is no time. When collision is inevitable (with anything) you have a few responsibilities. Layin' it down ain't one of them. #1. Shed velocity as rapidly as possible. #2. Keep riding, never give up. #3. Stay up on two wheels for control. #4. If you are still moving after impact make a controlled stop. It doesn't always go this way, but it is the plan. You will surprise yourself with what you can do if you stick to your plan.

If you do hit a deer remember this:

1 ½ # cubed venison

4 potatoes

6 medium onions

6 carrots

1 cup seasoned flour (your favorite seasoning for beef)

2 tbs. Cooking oil

1 stalk celery

water

Heat the oil in a heavy Dutch oven. Roll the meat in the flour saving left over flour. Brown the meat in the oil. Add cubed potatoes, sliced carrots and celery and the onions. Add water to cover the vegetables. Heat to a boil. Mix water into the left over flour to a milkshake thickness. When the pot boils slowly stir in the flour mix. Cover and reduce heat. Simmer until the vegetables are tender. Enjoy!

Plan for the worst to enjoy the best.  
John Kent. Chapter W Educator

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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 of the first week.**

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***Congratulations and Best Wishes***

Peggy Kent	March 1st	John & Joanne Strong	March 20	36 Yrs
John Kent	March 6th			
Kathy Feiock	March 7th			
Gene Ottman	March 18th			

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## **Ride Schedule for March, 2008, All rides leave BKW at 6:30 PM**

### **More info on the chapter website –**

03/04/08 Jay's Diner - 2612 W. Henreitta Road  
03/11/08 Kroney's – Churchville ( Same place – Name change )  
03/18/08 DeRosatoes Pizza & Pasta - Cor. Lyell & Elmgrove  
03/25/08 Carmine's Family Restaurant. - 671 Maiden Lane

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A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's art work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy Father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

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An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

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One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

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The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael. He's a doctor.'" A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher. She's dead."

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A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position, the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

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