

# *Gold Wing Road Riders Association*



## **Chapter W Newsletter**

**APRIL: 2008**

Another month has passed and we are that much closer to riding again. Ginny and I are anxious to get the trike on the road.

Chapter W is off to a good start in the dash for cash. On March 15 we took a trip to Ithaca for Chapter F's gathering. We captured the traveling plaque and earned one point in the dash for cash. Many thanks to Greg and Dee, Charlie and Barb, and Paul Thayer for helping us carry out this mission. The only bad part about the trip was going in four wheelers instead of on the bikes.

Our glory was short lived. Seven members from Chapter H attended our gathering on March 20. They now have the traveling plaque and of course earned a point in the dash for cash. The good thing is I no longer have to bring it to every event.

As I mentioned at the gathering, we need someone to take over for Ways and Means. The main responsibility of this position is running the raffles. If you're interested in taking on this assignment, and having some fun, contact Greg or me.

In the notes from our last gathering, you will see several reminders of upcoming events. Be sure and contact the appropriate people by the deadlines given if you're interested in participating in those events. Thanks go to Diane Hill for taking the notes and putting together that summary.

Adding notes summarizing our gatherings to the newsletter is something new for us. We see this in many other Chapter newsletters. We are looking for someone who would like to take on this job. If you are interested contact me or Greg and we can describe what we are looking for and help you get started.

I think that's enough rambling from me. Take care and have a great riding season.

Trike Mike and GPS Ginny

Meeting notes for March 19, 2008  
 50 members in attendance  
 Meeting started at 7:00 PM

**Mike Schelkun** – Chapter Director –

- Reminded everyone about the dinner at Bohn's on April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be in a private room and will be ordering off the menu. They will provide us with separate checks. Please contact Paul Wood by April 6<sup>th</sup> if you plan on going.
- Welcomed 2 new members, Bill and Patty, to our group. Their daughter was also with them.
- Seven of our members went to Ithaca on Saturday, 3/15/08, to capture the traveling plaque from Chapter F. Our chapter currently has 1 point of the 10 needed to have our registration fee paid next year.
- 7 members were present from Chapter H to capture the traveling plaque from us
- Please see district newsletter for information on the Life Membership program. Members that have been a member for 20 years or more can qualify for the program.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> is the NY District Picnic in Union Springs. More details will follow.
- Ralph would like to "retire" from the Ways and Means committee. We are currently looking for someone to take over his responsibilities which include the monthly raffle.
- Linda Hellman has offered to coordinate our basket for the NY District rally. Mike and Ginny donated the basket that they won last year. The theme this year for the rally is NASCAR. We do not necessarily have to follow that theme for the basket. Last year we filled it with items made in New York State. Please contact Linda with any ideas you might have.

**John Kent** – Ride Safety Educator

- Talked about how important it is to wear gloves at all time. He brought many different types and showed us the difference in them. Please contact him if you have any questions on what type of gloves to wear.
- Bonnie let us know that it is very important for co-riders to also wear gloves at all times.

**Pat Cannon** - Ride Coordinator

- Reminded us that the ride schedule is on the website. There are still some dates that are missing leaders and start times. Please contact him if you are interested in leading one of the rides.

**Greg Eames** - Assistant Chapter Director-

- He sent out an email to all of the New York chapter directors trying to set up times when we can meet with them. We are planning on going to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Chapter H at the Basket Factory. We get points every time at least 6 of our card carrying members go to another chapter's event.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Greg and Dee will have a pre ride clinic at their house, after breakfast. They will be performing TCLOCK inspections along with other things.
- We are looking for a volunteer to be a PR Coordinator. Please see Greg if you are interested.

**Al Skiles**– Web Master

- Reminded everyone that we meet for breakfast the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM. The restaurant has been changed to The Elmgrove Family Restaurant on Elmgrove Rd. If you get off 531 at Elmgrove, go north and it is right next to Seven Eleven.

**Bill Shepard**-

- Gave information about the PIF event. Please contact him if you are interested in selling or purchasing raffle tickets. There is a link on our website with more information.

**Rick and Bonnie Rowles** –

-They sent around a sign up sheet for the Mothers Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, ride that they will be leading. It will be to The Genesee River Restaurant, in Mt Morris for a brunch. We are welcome to bring other family members and friends. We need to let them know the count so that they can make a reservation.

**Bob Bacon** – Membership Coordinator

-Welcomed Bill and Patty to our group  
 -Told us that Al Skiles has set up a link on our website for potential new members.

**Dee Eames-**

-Reminded everyone that she is collecting cans for the Ride for Kids. There will be a garage sale on May 24<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to the Ride for Kids.

The next normal Dinner meeting will be on  
 April 17<sup>th</sup>. **2008** at Pando's, 2771 Scottsville Road.  
 Please call in your reservations to **Dave and Diane Hill** - 377-1801  
 before the 12<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,”

Hi;

Sure doesn't take long for a month to slip by, seems like I just mailed the March newsletter out. On the bright side those tulip and the other spring bulbs are sticking their leaves above ground, the robins are here and some bikes already are on the road.

Try to remember that it has been a while since your last ride. From my experience (and that's been a long time) it is a good practice to get the feel of the bike by yourself before bringing your co-rider aboard. I also try to restrain myself to wait until after a heavy rain-washes all of the salt off the roads. (I don't always do that either) Don't to forget to check the air pressure in the tires, it's easy to forget, but very important when you get on the road. After all of the above be safe and cautious not only now but also during the entire riding season.

CYA

*Poor Billy*

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Visit our Web Site at [www.gwrra-nyw.org/](http://www.gwrra-nyw.org/) & See Want Ads, updates etc.

Breakfast At Elmgrove

Breakfast at Stoney's has moved to the Elmgrove restaurant. It is still the first Saturday of each month. Please plan on joining the gang there for a delicious breakfast and gabfest.

The Elmgrove Family Restaurant is located on Elmgrove Rd. just off Rt. 531. It is north of Rt. 531 on the east side of the road next door to a 7-11. If you cross Lyell Rd. say oops and turn around.

**Please RSVP Al Skiles at 352-1087 before Thursday of the first week.**

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## *Congratulations and Best Wishes*

Kay Weber	April 2nd	Ron & Kay Weber	April 11	49 Yrs
Marty Watkins	April 5th.			
Me"	April 11th			
Paul Wood	April 17th			
Ralph Emilo	April 19th			

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

**More info on the chapter website –**

4-01 Stones Countryside - 6120 Buffalo Road

4- 08 Ezzy's - 885 Buffalo Road

4 –15 **Duchess Restaurant is located on the northwest corner of Rt. 250 and Rt. 441 in Penfield.**

4 – 22 Pineview Family Restaurant - 2139 Union St.

4- 29 Jim & Ralphs - 2997 Buffalo Road

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## **Gloves for the rider and co-rider.**

When on a motorcycle, gloves aren't just to keep your fingers warm. Although your comfort is important to safe attentive operation of your bike, there are other important issues to consider.

The majority of motorcycle drops don't happen at speed nor are they the result of collision. Transitioning from pavement to gravel, parking lot maneuvering, turning around on your lawn, putting your foot down in a toll booth to find that slick spot, these are where you are most likely to go down. This is where you are going to injure your hands and wrists. Abrasions to the palm of the hand are slow to heal and painful. In my forty-three years of riding I have observed that the weather usually dictates glove use. The well-equipped rider has more than one pair of gloves on board. I usually have four pairs and two for my wife. There is a waterproof well-insulated pair, a vibration absorbing pair, another pair of padded well-ventilated gloves and a set of rally vendor \$8.00 specials for the hottest days.

We need to protect our hands from abrasion, perforation, impact, sun, wind, rain, vibration (yes, even on a Goldwing), hot bike parts, bugs and dirt to name a few things we face. I have been heard to say about motor oil, that any oil is better than no oil. This also applies to gloves when on your motorcycle. Any glove is better than bare skin.

What should we look for in gloves we are considering to buy? I haven't found the perfect glove yet and don't expect to either. The features to look for in all gloves are quality material and stitching, first. I like leather, but there are a lot of good synthetic materials and gloves with a combination of components. Double layers in the palm area and a wrist strap to keep your gloves in place are near the top on my list. Your intended use will help you decide on other features. For temperature comfort, insulation or ventilation. For long days I like vibration absorbing palms and wrist support. Wrist support will often help people who have carpal tunnel symptoms enjoy their day more. My \$8.00 gloves have open backs. I have been sunburned in the past in that area. One set of gloves I like are industrial safety gloves that were designed for workers doing demolition work. These have nylon fabric backs with molded on nylon ridges for cut and abrasion protection along with vibration protection and extra cut protection on the leather palms. Industrial safety equipment stores, home improvement stores and farm supply outlets are places to look for gloves as well as your favorite bike shop. Fashion is on the bottom of my feature list; a pretty glove may leave you pretty sore. Whatever gloves you choose, always try them on first. They must be comfortable, if they are in a saddle bag, the best features in the world won't help you.

Please remember, any glove is better than no glove. Think about how much you use your hands, and then decide how much thought and effort you want to put into protecting them.

Plan for the worst to enjoy the best.

**John Kent. Chapter W Educator**

## Information for the September weekend ride.

The weekend ride scheduled for 9/6-7 to the Clausen Farms Bed and Breakfast in Sharon Springs that Linda and I will be leading? We would like to have some information in the monthly Newsletter so that people within the Chapter who do not have access to the website can get this information. Can you help with this? The following link is the link to their web site.

<http://www.reu.com/clausen/>

We have spoken with the owners and currently they have availability for the weekend for this trip. The B&B has the capacity of 13 rooms. There are 7 bedrooms in the Casino and another 6 in the main farmhouse. Some have double beds and others have 2 single beds. Most have a shared bath between 2 rooms, one or two rooms have a private bath.

The cost is \$115 per room, plus 8% tax (\$124 total). This includes room, a full breakfast and snacks throughout the day. A deposit of 1/2 the amount is required at reservation time to hold the room. According to the owners, they do have a cancellation policy which is very lenient. We can cancel a room reservation up to within two weeks and not have any financial accountability for the cancellation (deposit will be returned). If later, then the couple would receive a credit for a later date. It would be great if we could have the B&B to ourselves, at least the Casino, assuming that we could get enough people to sign up for the ride. I am expecting it to be a ride of approximately 6 leisurely hours to get there, dependent on stops on the way. Sharon Springs is located south of Canajoharie NY. They have also recommended a restaurant right in Sharon Springs which has excellent meals that we could plan for a Saturday evening meal.

As there was a ride to Cooperstown last year, we are looking at finding a couple places to stop on the way to add a little more to the ride than just riding straight through to Sharon Springs and not going to Cooperstown. More to follow as we firm up the ride.

### Southern ADVICE

If you are from the northern states and planning on visiting or moving to the South, there are a few things you should know that will help you adapt to the difference in lifestyles:

If you run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in a four-wheel drive pickup truck with a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them; just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.

Don't be surprised to find movie rentals and bait in the same store. Don't buy food at this store.

Remember, "y'all" is singular, "all y'all" is plural, and "all y'all's" is plural possessive.

The first Southern statement to creep into a transplanted Northerner's vocabulary is the adjective 'big ol' truck or 'big ol' boy. Most Northerners begin their Southern-influenced dialect this way. All of them are in denial about it.

Be advised that 'He needed killin' is a valid defense here.

If there is the prediction of the slightest chance of even the smallest accumulation of snow, your presence is required at the local grocery store. It doesn't matter whether you need anything or not. You just have to go there.

To be continued:

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