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CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

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Hello once again to my GWRRA Family and Friends. We are now in the month of April and as usual are experiencing many showers or should I say much needed rain. I especially am happy to see the rain because of planting lots of grass seed in the back yard and some in the front as well. So much for my concerns.

Chapter E, we had a wonderful event in March called "Ladies Night." Those who did not come missed a well planned and organized event. I want to thank all husbands/Non-Husbands who participated in making the night a success. As the saying goes, many hands make the work load light". It's because of you that Tina and I was not left with the task of complete clean-up. It's been stated that some wives would like to receive the same special night annually. If you are up for the ideal then let's make it an annual E-TEAM Event. In many instances it was rather awkward for husbands to balance the dinner plates, salad plates and something to drink on the first trip, so many of us had to make a second trip through the line as if we were getting seconds, but, we were getting our wives desert and something to drink. We were all very happy to do that, however, our wives were elated that we were organized in the kitchen. There were times we had to run a couple of wives out of the kitchen as they were getting in our way. We knew that we had to take care of things and didn't want wives interfering with our set up. There was a chain of individuals doing dishes which included but not limited to washing dishes, someone drying, some putting them in the cupboard. The same applied to the utensils. Then came the removal of the Tables, chairs, and placing the furniture back where it belonged. (Thanks everyone) we could not have done it without the use of one familiar word, HELP.

The words HELP & TEAM indicate the following:

H=Have

T=Together

E=Eternal

E=Everyone

L=Love

A=Accomplishes

P=People

M=More

As we embark upon the riding season, many of us are installing new Lights, Safety Chrome, Tires, Oil Changes, and doing safety checks. We are excited about the preparations. One thing I'm excited about is our plans to once again attend another Wing Ding in Tulsa, OK. You may ask why mention it in April, well for some of us we have to start preparing early, example, financially, selecting the best route, buying needed items i.e.; cooling vest, helmets, rain gear, boots, and many other things that will make our trip safe and enjoyable.

As usual, we (Tina) and I are willing to serve and assist anytime wherever needed.

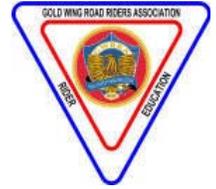
Sly Savage

Chapter Director

CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS

Counter-Steering Is Only Half

Of The Story



To my mind there is entirely too much confusion about the transition point between steering and counter-steering. You really should UNDERSTAND what is happening at that time.

First, you NEED to know that when your bike is moving at faster than about 6-8 MPH you can ONLY counter-steer. It is not optional. It is not a decision you get to make. Physics determines what happens when you push on one grip or the other, not you.

So, most of you do know that above that speed threshold should you press on the right grip, for example, your bike will turn to the RIGHT. That's counter-steering.

But what not one in ten of you has intellectualized and understand in a way that allows you to use that knowledge is that at steering speed (slow), if you are in a turn and use your brakes your bike will fall DOWN but at counter-steering speed and in that curve when you use your brakes your bike will "fall" UP!!!!

Further, at steering speeds (slow), if you use your brakes when in a curve you will SHORTEN the curve and at counter-steering speeds if you use your brakes in that curve you will WIDEN the turn.

Counter-steering is only half the story!

Get your head around the idea that at faster speeds YOU DO NOT LEAN YOUR BIKE, IT LEANS IT-SELF! Your bike 'dials in' the lean angle, not you. At faster speeds when you use your throttle your bike dials in a STEEPER lean angle while at slower (steering) speeds, using your throttle will make your bike stand taller – it is how you 'save' a bike that is about to fall down in a slow-speed turn. If you want to lean farther into a fast turn you increase throttle and maintain the same radius. That is exactly the opposite of what you do at slow speed.

The dynamics of your motorcycle reverse at about 6 MPH. Counter-steering is an important part of that, but that's not the whole story. And now you know 'the rest of the story.'

Article written by James R. Davis

Submitted by Bob Dorminey



Dear Friends,

The last time I wrote to you I got into trouble with Larry because I was so specific about his work with safety education in Hawaii. This time I'll try to resist an update on that topic and only tell you of my life here.

First of all, we really have the very best apartment. Boeing assigns accommodations randomly and most are blocks from the beach with unappealing views of other high-rise buildings. It was only with the luck of the draw that we ended up on the 36th floor of a beach front apartment with nothing between us and the ocean but a street and a park in one direction and yacht basin in the other. The view is truly spectacular. We have floor to ceiling windows and, honestly, I could sit here all day, watch all the activity, and be perfectly happy.

However, I am not a "sitter" especially in Hawaii. I start every day by swimming laps in the pool. Then I take off on one of my missions. You see, I'm a scrapbooker and it's my mission to photograph every flower, tree, statue, building, sunset, etc. that I see. You get the picture? Also, I feel I must see every touristy spot made by man and nature. This keeps me busy and my photos are keeping Ritz Camera in business. I already have three huge and heavy scrapbooks filled. Larry shakes his head and asks who will ever look at them. I reply that I will and they'll bring back memories when I living in the old folks home.

We are next door to the world's largest open-air mall. It is a beautiful place with four floors and over 300 stores. There is a Sears and Macys, but most of the other shops and restaurants are the ritzy, high end type that normal people can't afford to step into. There are a lot of wealthy Japanese people that come here to shop for "bargains!" In an area of less than one square mile there are more than 85 ABC stores That's was a shock for a tea-totaling Virginia girl, until she realized they were not liquor stores, but were one-stop variety stores for tourists.

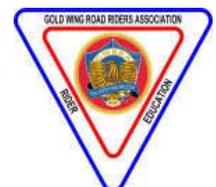
Hawaii has a wonderful bus system. There are many, many nice clean buses that travel routes all over the island. The drivers are very friendly and helpful. There is a bus stop right outside of our building and I seldom have to wait more than a few minutes for the right number to come by. Normally a ride costs \$2 with one transfer which allows you to ride another bus within 4 hours. However, I bought a yearly pass for \$30 and have ridden from one end of the island to the other. I'm on the go every day.

A friend I taught school with in the 60's is widowed and has retired here. We have renewed our friendship and enjoy hanging out together. She knows all of the fun and interesting things to do so we get together one or two days a week.

I don't see much of Larry. He is working long, hard 12 hour days. Sometimes he works the day shift, but usually nights. On Mondays he works both. That means he gets up at 4:30 AM and goes to bed anytime from 12 to 2:30 PM. He is supposed to have one day off a week, but he ends up working part-time then too. Other than lack of sleep he is really suffering from motorcycle riding withdrawal. He hasn't even had time to look at any of the 50 motorcycle magazines he subscribes too. Needless to say, his involvement with the "Great Wave Riptide Riders Association" has been limited. Larry had been scheduled to give some educational seminars but they seem to have lost interest and don't return his calls. I get the feeling they think Larry's safety ideas for surfing concerning water wings, float belts, head gear, etc. is a joke! Can you believe it?? Anyway, being busy at work gives Larry a chance to save face when Virginia friends ask how his educational activities are going.

We miss all of you. Larry's assignment is supposed to end in mid-June and he hopes to be back in the area this summer. Take care and keep in touch.

Sylvia



CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



Greetings "E" Team Members!

 **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DIVISION**
"Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge"

GWRRA'S slogan for 2009 is "EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"

E - EVERY MEMBER MATTERS to GWRRA	M -Motorcycle SAFETY is important to GWRRA	M -Make FRIENDS with local GWRRA Chapters close to you
V - Volunteers are the heart & soul of GWRRA!	E - Each GWRRA Member is encouraged to participate in Rider Education	A - A GWRRA Member is a friend forever
E - Eventually, when you join GWRRA...you will become an INVOLVED Member	M -Members are what makes GWRRA the world's best Gold Wing association	T - Take a GWRRA Membership application wherever you go
R - Riding a Motorcycle is only the beginning for a GWRRA Member	B - Being a Member of GWRRA will help you grow in KNOWLEDGE	T - Take the Gold Book with you, and you'll never be alone!
Y - You will have "FUN" being a GWRRA Member	E - Education is provided through GWRRA Membership Training	E - Each new friend will increase your "FUN" as a GWRRA Member
	R - Recruiting a GWRRA Member provides rewards	R - Recruit a new GWRRA Member today
		S - Share your "FUN" with other GWRRA Members

Thoughts on "JAMMERS"

I was talking with a long time Member of GWRRA several days ago. This member had always been active and held many positions within the association. The Member made the statement that he just wanted to step back and be a "JAM" ("Just A member".) Having heard this statement many times before I didn't really give it much thought at the time. Then several days later, I started to think about the statement he had made! (Linda says watch out when I start thinking!) Having held different positions at different levels in GWRRA during most of the 24 years I have been a Member, I realized that I could not understand why anyone would want to be "Just A Member" and do nothing? I could imagine being at a Chapter gathering where everyone just sat around and did not participate. I could just imagine the Chapter Director standing up at the gathering and doing everything. Everyone else was being "Just A Member". Talk about BURN OUT FAST for the Chapter Director! Then I tried to figure out what the "Just A Member" was looking for by remaining a Member of GWRRA. "BAM" it hit me! They were looking to just have Fun, Eat, Socialize, and Ride. Isn't this the reason we joined GWRRA? We joined to ride and have Fun. If we look at Chapters that are growing and successful we see Chapters where the participants are involved and having FUN. If a Chapter becomes infiltrated with "cliques", "politics", or "activities" that are not FUN for the participants then the Chapter is headed for failure. Even "Just A Member" does not wish to participate in this type of environment. They are there to have FUN. Who is responsible to make things FUN? Sure, we all know, it's the Chapter Director. The rest of us can just sit back and be "Just A Member". We don't need to assist, volunteer, or help out. Let someone else do it. The end result will be no more FUN, no more Chapters, and no more GWRRA. We really don't want to be "Just A Member", do we?

From The Directors

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Membership Enhancement Division

Team Newsletter

Below you will find every ride/event we have scheduled between now and the end of June. We would love to see you out at any of these events. If you have any questions, please contact me.

04/15 E Team General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

04/18 Mystery Dinner (details to follow)

04/19 ERC Class @ Germanna – Karen has a few spots at this time, please email Karen at kgkestner@erols.com to be added.

04/25 MS Walk (details to follow)

05/05 Staff Meeting @ Vinny's 7 pm

05/09 Dinner Ride to Presidents Park (details to follow)

05/20 E Team General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

06/02 Staff Meeting @ Vinny's 7 pm

06/06 Ocean City / Chrome World Ride

06/07 Richmond Ride for Kids

06/17 E Team General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

06/20 Tour De Burg

Please check these websites:

www.battlefieldwings.com

www.gwrrava.org

www.region-n.org

www.gwrra.org

Looking forward to time spent with my E Team family,

Gordon Combs - Membership Enhancement Coordinator

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Tech Tips from the Webdude :: Digital TV Transition



Are you ready for the Digital TV (DTV) transition? Do you know what it is? Do you need to run out and buy a new HDTV? Let me provide some background and details and then you can decide for yourself whether or not you need a new TV, or if it is even something to worry about.

Background

The Government has passed down a mandate for television broadcast stations to stop broadcasting their typical analog signal and to start broadcasting your favorite show digitally. Effective February 17, 2009, all television stations were to discontinue broadcasting an analog signal. Among other reasons, this switch frees up valuable broadcast spectrum for emergency services and public safety communications. Consumers also benefit from the switch, in that, we receive much improved picture and sound quality.

What does it mean to me?

Since DTV is more efficient than analog broadcasting, a consumer's television experience is greatly enhanced. Interactive programming, better quality picture and sound, and broadcasting more television programming with the same amount of spectrum required for one analog program.

The original February deadline was extended due to the sheer number of DTV converter box coupon requests that the FCC and other outlets received. In order to accommodate the requests, the federal government had no choice but to extend the deadline to June 12, 2009. There are already many stations broadcasting their DTV signal.

Do I have to throw out my old analog TV for a new one?

No. A digital-to-analog converter box will allow you to continue using your existing analog TV to watch over-the-air digital broadcasts. You do not need to get rid of your existing analog TV. In addition, analog sets should continue to work as before if connected to a subscription service such as cable or satellite TV. Also, analog sets should continue to work with gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products that you use now.

How can I get a converter box?

To assist consumers with the DTV transition, the federal government has established a Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program. Between January 1, 2008 and July 31, 2009, all US households will be eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of up to two, digital-to-analog converter boxes.

Resources

1. The Digital TV Transition
(<http://www.dtv.gov/>)
2. Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program
(<http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/dtvbye?http://www.dtv2009.gov>)
3. Will you be affected?
(<http://www.dtv.gov/affected.html>)

-- Webdude, "E" Team Webmaster



CHAPTER E NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009

Established
10/24/87

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7 STAFF MEETING	8 	9	10	11
12	13 	14 	15 GENERAL MEETING	16	17	18 MYSTERY DINNER
19 ERC CLASS 	20	21	22	23	24	25 MS WALK
26 	27	28	29	30		



MEMBER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



April

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April

02 Linda Jones
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STAFF MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED
FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH MEET AT 6:30 PM TO EAT
MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

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Visit with us for our Chapter Meetings the

3rd Wednesday of each month

DYNASTY BUFFET - FOUR-MILE FORK

Meet at 6:30 pm to Eat

Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

Comments from Ladies about their Appreciation Day

Carol Lucas: It was wonderful, but the best part was the “LOVE” shared in the room.

Sharon Poulakowski: “Ladies Appreciation: was a blast. The sharing of feelings was such a positive experience! Oh and the food was excellent. The guys out did themselves.

Delores A. Brown: Ladies Appreciation Day was awesome; good fellowship, good food, music. Would like to do it again soon, everyone that attended I think had a wonderful time, if not, their fault.

Wanda Hoferkamp: Ladies Appreciation Day was wonderful and the food was delicious. Sly’s song was so wonderful it made you feel like he was singing to each one of us.

Keri Nelson: It was so wonderful – I think we should do it every month!

Karen Kestner: I really enjoyed myself at the Ladies Appreciation Day. Everything was organized great. I even had to hush the ladies in the kitchen (it really was the men). Great job guys!

Martha Jo Fritz: Dinner, a rose, a shoulder massage, the dishes washed and the kitchen cleaned. Wow! How do we get this at home? It really was nice while it lasted. Let’s do it again next year. Maybe my husband will sing to me. Katina, how did you get Sly to do that? Thanks, guys, it was absolutely wonderful.

Linda Hardisty: It was a terrific set up – all my plates were filled. The food was great. I sat and enjoyed seeing the husbands serving, doing the dishes, and cleaning up. I think this should be an annual affair!

Goldwings Needed for Triathlons

1. Saturday April 18, 2009: 9:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna Beach Marina – 349 Pleasants Landing Road – Bumpass, VA 23024
Race Starts at 10AM – 24 Mile Bike
2. Sunday April 19, 2009: 9:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna Beach Marina – 349 Pleasants Landing Road – Bumpass, VA 23024
Race Starts 10AM – 12 Mile Bike
3. Saturday May 9, 2009: 6:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna State Park – 6800 Lawyers Road – Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Race Starts at 7AM – 56 Mile Bike
4. Sunday May 10, 2009: 8:00 – Noon (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna State Park – 6800 Lawyers Road – Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Race Starts at 9AM – 18 Mile Bike
5. Sunday August 2, 2009: 7:00 – 11AM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Mountain Run Lake Park -9642 Mountain Run Lake Road – Culpeper, VA 22701
Race Starts at 8AM – 16 Mile Bike
6. Saturday October 3, 2009: 9:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna Beach Marina – 349 Pleasants Landing Road – Bumpass, VA 23024
Race Starts at 10AM – 24 Mile Bike
7. Sunday October 4, 2009: 9:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna Beach Marina – 349 Pleasants Landing Road – Bumpass, VA 23024
Race Starts at 10AM – 12 Mile Bike

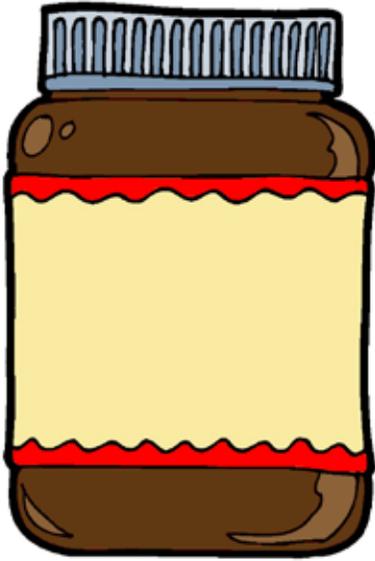
Notes:

1. All events pay \$50/bike. Lunch/food will also be provided if you can wait until the first runners come in.
2. If you could be onsite 1 hour prior to the race starting for orientation and placement that would be great.
3. Some folks will have officials on board; others will lead out the first cyclist, follow the last cyclist, or patrol for mechanical/safety issues.

Thank you very much in advance! If you have any questions please give me a call at 336-577-2801.

Greg

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DAN FRITZ, ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR, CELL: 540-903-2897.



BROWNIES IN A JAR

1 ½ cups sugar	1/3 cup Hersheys Dutch Processed Cocoa
1 cup Reeses's Peanut butter chips or White Chips	1 cup all purpose flour
¼ tsp. Salt	½ tsp. Baking powder
	½ cup Hersheys mini chips semi sweet chocolate

Layer the ingredients in a 1 quart glass container or jar in the following order (from bottom to top); sugar, cocoa, peanut butter chips, flour, baking powder, salt and small chocolate chips. Tap jar gently on the counter to settle each layer before adding the next one.

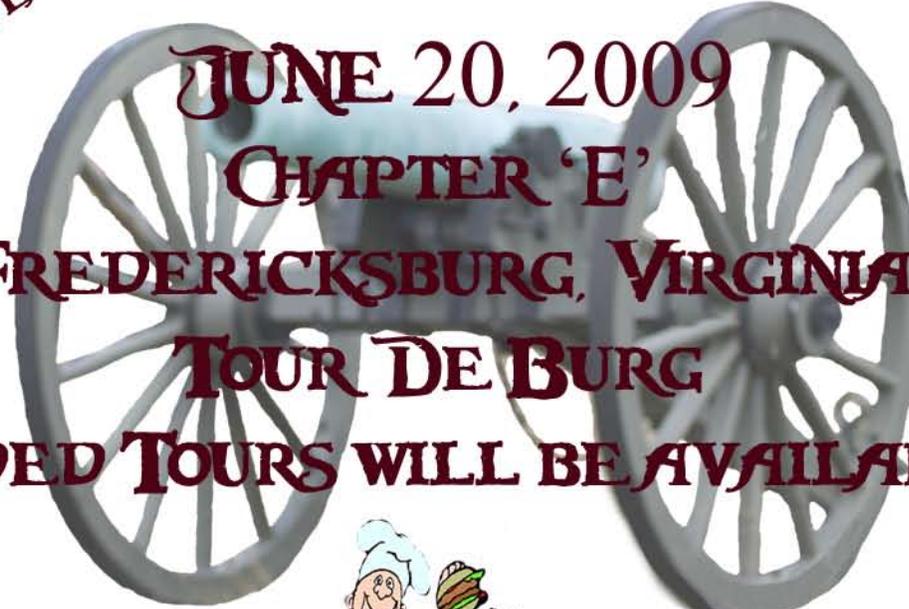
Cover, attach baking directions (see below) to jar:

BAKING DIRECTIONS: Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 8x8x2 inch baking pan. Combine ½ cup melted and cooled butter and 2 slightly beaten eggs in a large bowl. Gently stir in jar contents. Spread in prepared pan. Bake for 35 minutes. Cool in pan. Cut into bars. Makes 16.

Submitted by Karen Kestner



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