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CHAPTER VA-E



BATTLEFIELD WINGS, VA-E



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CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



Greetings E Team Members,

On August 2nd at 2 pm, after completing the Officer Certification Program in Richmond Virginia, I, Gordon Combs, was sworn in as Chapter Director of Chapter E Battlefield Wings by the Virginia District Director Pat Hasiak. As my first official duty as chapter director, I would like to take a few moments to thank our outgoing chapter director Sly Savage and his wonderful wife Tina. Sly and Tina took over as chapter directors in January of 2009 and brought a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm to the chapter. They worked tirelessly to take the chapter to new heights while bringing a new level of fun to the membership. Sly started the trivia question of the month and who could forget Tina's welcome in different languages at the beginning of many chapter gatherings. They opened their hearts and their home to all of us and their dedication to chapter E will always be appreciated.

As I mentioned, myself and Larry Gray took the Officer Certification Program in Richmond. Both of us enjoyed the class and came away better prepared as GWRRA Officers to serve the members of GWRRA. One theme was driven home throughout the entire class. The focus of GWRRA is you, the members. All we do, all we strive for, is to make a better experience for you. We want to provide an atmosphere that embodies the motto of GWRRA of friends for "FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE." So let's address these things. We will start with friends. We are all friends. But I feel that we are more than that, we are family in many ways. When one of us is hurt, we turn out. We go to the hospital, we visit, etc. Now I know some may say that is not true, but I will tell you that if you participate and come out to the functions and become family, your family will be there for you. I know this to be a fact in chapter E as I have witnessed it many times. Now I am going to have fun with FUN. We are going to have fun in lots of ways. The main way is riding. You know, my wife said it best when she told me it's a funny thing, a motorcycle group that doesn't ride. She was joking with me but there was some truth in that. I will get us out to ride a lot more than I did when I was chapter director before. Your team leaders (they are no longer called staff) met this past Tuesday and were tasked with coming up with lots of rides) and you will be notified weekly of upcoming rides. There will be bi weekly ice cream runs, monthly dinner rides, monthly pot lucks, monthly destination rides and others as we can squeeze them in. So get your Wing ready as we prepare to taxi down the highway and takeoff. SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE, well, Larry and I learned that in order to keep or tax exempt

status, 51% of all activities must be geared toward compliance and motorcycle related education of our members and public. To keep in compliance, we will seek to do just that. You will see more education opportunities and we will try to reach out to the public through special events.

Did I mention Team Leaders? In the beginning of this newsletter is a listing of your chapter team leaders. This is a volunteer group who is giving up their time, talent, and many times, money, to serve you, the member, to provide a fun experience for you. We hope you appreciate all we are doing for you and we welcome any and all suggestions. We had a team leader meeting this past Tuesday and many great ideas were presented. We are currently working on a Chapter E Appreciation Day for the fall. Check your E Team Weekly Reminders as they will be coming weekly. Put the dates on your calendar so you won't miss out on any rides.

Remember, we are called GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION.

We have Goldwings, we have roads, we have riders, we associate, let's go E TEAM !!!!!!!

In Encouragement,
Gordon

This is the website that has the listings of all of the VA District Officer listings:
<http://www.gwrrava.org/documents/diststaff121409.pdf>

This is the website that has the listings of all of the VA District Chapters with Directors' names, locations, monthly meetings, etc.:

<http://www.gwrrava.org/Chapters.html>

CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS



ATGATT

Greg doesn't know I'm going to use him as an example in this month's article but I am. Greg Kestner has everything. He is VA-E's technical adviser and most people in the chapter trust him for advice or work on their Goldwings because he understands mechanical things. He is a long time rider and has been an MSF coach for more than 10 years. He is possibly the most skilled rider in the chapter. He's got more than one motorcycle. And, of course, he's got Karen. But, the man is a big chicken, wimp, and pansy when it comes to taking chances. He is an ATGATT (all the gear, all the time) rider. He does not throw a leg over his bike until he has everything on. It doesn't matter how hot it is or how far he is going. The gear is on before he is in the saddle.

I bet this won't change soon. Last Sunday a buck tried to push Greg and his Goldwing off the road. There was a collision and the buck lost an antler, was knocked unconscious, probably had a broken leg, and won't survive (he is no doubt dead by now). Greg didn't even get a scratch. Greg's Goldwing lost an air wing, lost a small piece of trim (later found and reinstalled), and suffered a broken saddlebag light. Not much motorcycle damage considering what could have happened. Clearly the timing of this collision was fortuitous for Greg; most riders aren't so fortunate when colliding with a deer. A split second's difference could have made a big difference in the outcome.

Greg did not know that last Sunday was the day he might go down. He didn't even know the reason he might go down. But he did know that it could happen and he had done everything he could to save his own skin (literally and figuratively) in the event something unexpected did happen. That's what ATGATT is all about.

We each need to remember that to some degree our skill level doesn't much matter. We could have a mishap the next time we ride no matter how routine the ride or how perfect the riding conditions seem to be. This should motivate us to consciously choose when and how much gear we will wear rather than just continue habits or make spur of the moment decisions we may later regret. I'm in the process of making my own conscious decision regarding a full face helmet. I wear one in the winter but they just seem hot in the summer. Would I wish I had one on if I went down? Yes. But, do I think I'm going to go down? No. So I've been riding almost exclusively with a ¾ helmet in the summer. What got me thinking about a full face helmet was a student at a recent BRC class. She panicked and fell face first. She got a tiny bit of road rash on her chin and even some asphalt tar on one of her front teeth. How easily it would have been to lose a tooth this way and she was probably only travelling 5 MPH. Anyway, I think I'm in the market for one of those flip up helmets.

I could also discuss other gear enhancements I'm considering but I won't. My purpose here is not to describe my decision making processes or even to argue that every rider should be an ATGATT rider. That is a personal decision and I respect everyone's right to make their own choices (I do not respect the young male riders who carry scantily clothed girlfriends on the back of their sport bikes, however). Rather, I just want to encourage each of us to consciously think about our gear and make sure we have consciously decided what and how much to wear and how often to wear it. My targeted audience is those members who feel a crash could never happen to them. Simply put, they are wrong. They may be fortunate enough to never crash during their motorcycle careers but there are no guarantees. We play the odds but every so often a motorcyclist goes down and in many, many cases the extent of the injuries is influenced by what they were wearing at the time.

Larry

PS I just got word about a new newsletter available on the GWRRRA website. The July issue is available at <http://med.gwrra.org/newsletter/newsletter.html>. It has several Rider Ed articles you may want to check out along with some articles that seem to be targeted at officers but could be very interesting to you in your business or personal life.

Larry

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Chapter Couple

Ellen and Charlie Smith



Hello Everyone,

Well it looks like our Daughter and Grandkids are settling in for the long haul. You probably have already figured that out looking at the photo, the grandkids have already taken over the Gold Wing. I really think Ellen and I are getting robbed, but for some reason I am unable to tell them they can't have it. We have been extremely busy this month trying to keep up with the daily routine of having two small children around. I am now wondering how in the heck Ellen managed to take care of our two while I was deployed so much in my Navy Days.

On a different note we were able to take advantage of an invite from Ray and Kathy. And we spent the day touring some back roads on our way to Charlestown, WV. Although we didn't come back millionaires as we planned, we definitely enjoyed the ride. We can't wait to do again.

Ellen and I are still planning on running in the Rock and Roll Marathon in Virginia Beach, VA. It would be great to have some chapter members there to help with the stretchers, just in case. So if you don't have anything going on come on down. It would be a great ride plus there will be a ton of things to do. I am attaching a web link so everyone can check in out.

We just wanted to address a couple areas before ending this. We are very sorry to see Sly and Tina stepping down as Chapter Directors. We wanted to say thanks for all your guidance and everything you have done for us. Next want to welcome Gordon and Julie as the new Chapter Directors. That's about it for now I will leave with one thought **"Get out of the House and Ride"**

Until Next Month

Charlie and Ellen



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10/24/87

CHAPTER E NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2010

SUNDAY 1	MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6	SATURDAY 7
		TEAM LEADER MEETING				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 GENERAL GATHERING	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Dinner Ride Clearwater Grill	30	31				

MEMBER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

TEAM LEADER MEETINGS ARE
SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH MEET
AT 6:30 PM TO EAT
MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM
Ledo's Pizza, Massaponax



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



08 Alvin "Tim" & Eva Hayes
28 Greg & Karen Kestner



01 Debra Revely
06 Carol Lucas
09 Martha Jo Fritz
12 Butch Groves
22 Terry Murphy
23 Delores Brown
25 MaryLynn Groves
29 Larry White
31 Ron Hardisty

GOLDWING SUPPORT FOR TRIATHLONS

Saturday October 2, 2010: 9:00 - 1PM (3 Motorcycles Needed)

Lake Anna Beach Marina - 349 Pleasants Landing Road - Bumpass, VA 23024

Race Starts at 10 AM - 24 Mile Bike

Sunday October 3, 2010: 9:00 - 1PM (3 Motorcycles Needed)

Lake Anna Beach Marina - 349 Pleasants Landing Road - Bumpass, VA 23024

Race Starts at 10 AM - 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.

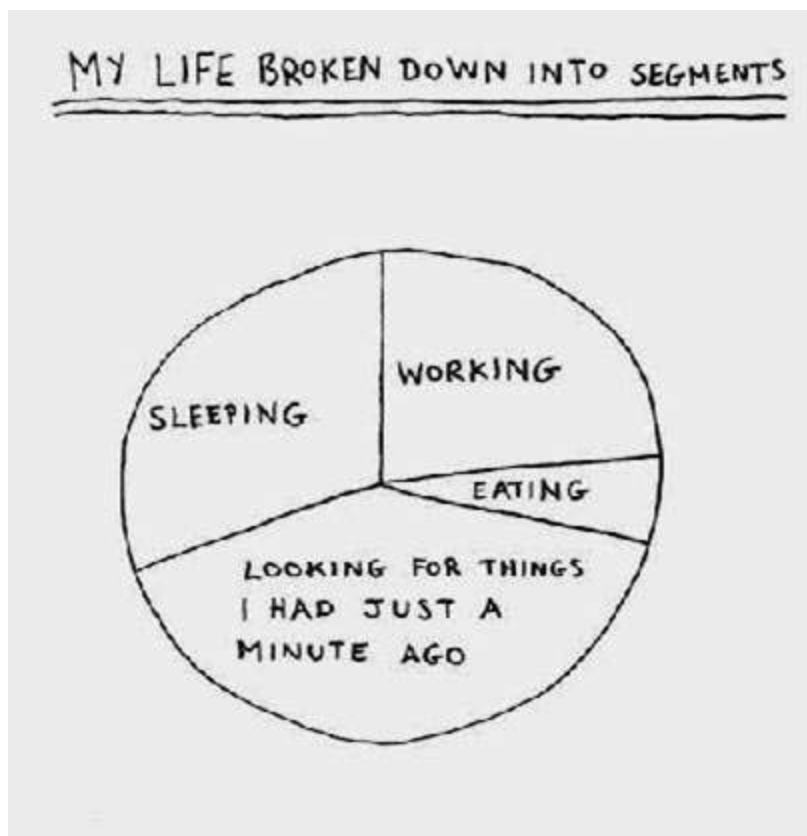
Thank you very much in advance! If you have any questions please give me a call at 336-577-2801.

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Richard Wilson is the proud grandfather of Alyssa Simone Allen, 6.5 pounds and 18 inches long. Cards of congratulations can be sent to 9217 Birch Cliff Dr Fredericksburg, Va 22407. He can be reached at 540-898-1070 or richwil97@verizon.net

BIKE FOR SALE

1986 Honda Rebel 250. 7300 miles. Danny Gasser. dangas9297@gmail.com Can you pass this along to your contacts? Danny is with the Hanover rescue squad and asked if we could spread the word if anyone is interested. Thanks





HOW TO BE A LEADERSHIP INSTRUCTOR

The District of Virginia needs more leadership instructors, and we need instructors to keep their certificates up-to-date. Without leadership instructors, the District cannot develop new leaders, which affects the quality of chapter life, the quality of District contributions to chapters and members, and the supply of certified officers. The Rider Education Program helps members stay safe, and the Leadership Training Program helps enable members to use and run the association smoothly at every level.

There are two paths to Leadership Instructor. The District must take these two paths simultaneously to make sure it has enough current, certified Leadership Instructors. The first path is through the one-day Instructor Development and Certification Program and subsequent observation by a Senior Leadership Instructor. The second path is certifying a current Rider Education Seminar Presenter, who self studies the leadership instructor program and is observed by a Senior Leadership Instructor.

The GWRRA Leadership Training Program (LTP) has 47 individual seminars and three major learning programs, all of which enable better leaders and confident members. Won't you help us?

Who makes a good Leadership Instructor? A member who has the desire. Of course, having some previous teacher or instructor training or experience and having some leadership experience helps you too, but it isn't necessary. The Instructor course will help with you with the basics of instructing. You can draw upon your leadership experience, from the giving and/or receiving end, and you will learn to stand up and represent GWRRA as a leader worth listening to, following, and emulating.

The next Instructor Course is slated for 11 December 2010. Rider Education Presenters and instructor course graduates can be observed for certification at nearly any time they can gather an audience and suitable location or at the District rallies: Rally in the Valley™ or Wingless

Weekend.

If you want to help the association, the District, and especially your Chapter as a Leadership Instructor, please call or email us. We'll start you down the right path!



Rick and Elsie Baker

Virginia Leadership Trainers

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2009 Goldwing for Sale

Including

ALL accessories and support equipment!



Additional equipment: CB RADIO; CB Antenna Kit; LED Lower Fog Lights; GL1800 Chrome Cowl; Timing Chain Cover; GL1800 Luggage Rack; ERGO II w/dually foot pegs; GL1800 Driver Backrest; Kisan Headlight Modulator; GL1800 Spoiler; 4 Function Spoiler Light Bar; Dunlop ELITE 3 tires; Kisan Brake Light Modulator; ARAI CORSAIR V Diamond White Helmet(headset installed); GL1800 Baker Hand Wings; GL1800 Baker Lower Wings; GL1800 Chrome Wheel Set; Central-matic Wheel Balancer Kit; CYCLESHELL Enclosure (less than a year old); FIRST GEAR winter and summer riding gear(size 2XL); Summer and winter riding gloves; Cruiserworks riding boots (size 11); additional HJC Flip front helmet with headset installed complete set of Cycle Care waxes and cleaners, plus micro fiber rags and brushes.

Price includes all the aforementioned items BUT the price is to pay off the bike loan in full. Price is NOT negotiable due to the medical necessity to stop riding. **Everything must go!!!**

Ted Odle

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