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Happy Holidays

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Come to our Chapter meetings the 3rd Wednesday Of Each Month

Dynasty Buffet Four-Mile Fork

Meet at 6:30pm to Eat Meeting begins at 7:30pm

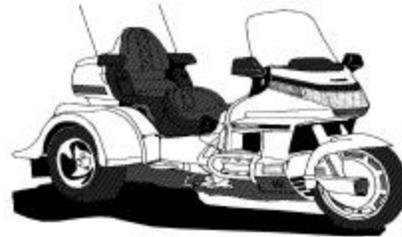


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Ray Hitt
&
Kathy O'Neal

Chapter Director News

Jim & Bev Travis



We want to wish you
A Very Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Jim and Beverly Travis
Chapter Directors
GWRRA Virginia Chapter E
"Battlefield Wings"

Chapter Educator

Gordon Combs



This is Part 2 of the article I had in the newsletter last month.

Safety Bits: Foul Weather Gear. How to Make Yourself a Safer Rider

By Mark Yager



Tricks and Tips

One article I am never without is something to protect my neck from the cold. Whether it's a commercial or home-made model, a lot of riders consider it an essential piece of cold weather riding equipment. The simplest kinds are a felt type material cut into a bandanna shape where the ends connect together at the back of your neck. This keeps wind from coming in and going up your helmet or down your jacket. Some of the more elaborate models actually fasten onto the bottom of your helmet and form a seal from your helmet to your chest. Very effective. Balaclavas can be also very nice. You can buy them in silk or numerous synthetic materials. They are like hoods that pull over your head and extend to your chest. When buying a neck insulator, ensure that it has enough material to reach to your chest, or else it'll come untucked from your collar when you shoulder check or look up.

Emergencies

The best way to handle any kind of emergency is not to let it happen in the first place. Of course, that's not always possible, especially if you live in a place with mountains where the weather can change every mile or so. It is extremely important to keep warm. When your body decides that it's cold, the blood starts getting diverted away from the surface of your body and towards the vital organs. As the cold worsens, the body will start to shut down some of the functions that it deems non-essential. One of the first things to get axed is the judgment functions. Eventually, you can't move your fingers and toes and your mind is operating on autopilot. Obviously a very dangerous situation for any motorcyclist. If you find yourself getting cold, stop at the next available pull-out. If this happens to be a restaurant, great. Take some time and warm up. Don't just inhale a cup of coffee and think that's good enough. Have something to eat to give your body some energy so it can keep itself warm. If it's getting on the cold side but really isn't that bad yet, take some preventative medicine. Buy a newspaper and spread it out in layers between your jacket and sweater. It'll make a very effective wind block, though it has very little insulation value. If you can keep your torso warm, it will help keep the rest of you warm as your blood can warm up in your chest every time it circulates before going back to the colder extremities.

Above all, think about what you are doing. Is it worth the risk to your life to get to your destination on time? Plan ahead. Consider the conditions you will may be riding in. Use the worst case scenario (what's the worst weather I might encounter) and dress for that. You can always remove some layers later, or add some if you brought them. Take it from us, buy the best. The best equipment will be safer, last longer, look better, and will be more comfortable than a similar article of dubious manufacture.

Resources - This is an assortment of various sources for some of the gear mentioned above. There are many more distributors of riding equipment than this. Visit a reputable dealer in your area for more information.

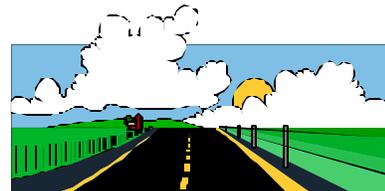
- ? Aerostich Riderwear - Free catalogue call 1-800-222-1994 or write to
Aerostich Riderwear, 8 South 18th Ave. West, Duluth, MN 55806.
- ? Jackets and gloves - Roadgear: call 24hrs 1-800-854-4327 for free catalogue. Also Vent-Tech at 1-800-331-8408 for free catalogue.
- ? Insulated pants/chaps- Maveric Mt., Inc at 1-800-822-4212 for information.
- ? Widder Lectric Heat (vests, etc.)- For info call 1-800-WYBCOLD in the US, (805)640-1295 outside US.

Holiday Greetings from our house to yours.

Gordon & Julie Combs



2004 Chapter Couple
Ray Hitt & Kathy O'Neal



Well, this is the final article that we will write as Chapter Couple. We want to thank all of you for the support, friendship and help you have given us during these last 2 years. We have enjoyed being Chapter Couple and will always cherish the memories and friendships we have made. We cannot stress enough that if you are ever asked to be your chapter couple to accept the position. It is what you make it. You can do as little or as much as you wish. The main thing is to have fun and just be yourselves. We know you will all give your help and support to the new Chapter Couple for Chapter E, Dan & Martha Jo Fritz. Again, thank you all and be assured that we will continue to see each and everyone of you on our "endless ride".

Happy Holidays to all of you!!! Ray & Kathy



District News Region N News



WINGLESS WEEKEND 2005 - Now that Rally in the Valley is over, we have Wingless Weekend 2005 to look forward to. It will be the weekend of Feb. 4-6, at the Clarion Hotel, Williamsburg. The theme this year will be "Pajama Party." Now, we found out what Dave Huey looks like in a yellow polka-dot bikini. Is a filmy negligee in the works for this year? Inquiring minds want to know. You'll have to show up at Wingless to find out, though

REGION N RALLY ANNOUNCEMENT - Mike & Angie Mitchell, Region N Directors, announce that the 2005 Region N Rally will be held on May 19 - 21 at the Eagles Nest Theater, in beautiful Maggie Valley, NC. The Mitchell's say "The Eagle Nest is an 800 seat newly built music theatre that should suit our needs wonderfully. We will have plenty of room for all activities and vendors on site. There are plenty of hotels, campgrounds and full service restaurants in Maggie Valley to take care of everyone. The townspeople have opened their arms to us and are as excited to have us as we are to be there. The Region Staff will be working the area over the next few months to secure sponsorships, host hotels and other goodies that will enhance the Rally."

GWRRA MD's WINTERTHING RETURNS IN EARLY JANUARY - Because it's cold outside doesn't mean there isn't some GWRRA stuff going on somewhere. Maryland District's Winterthing 2005 - Mardi Gras, in Ocean City, MD, on January 13 - 16, is just the thing to put some warmth into your frozen bones.

VA-B GRABS VIRGINIA PLAQUE - Five Participants of Chapter VA-B (Virginia Beach) braved the first really cold weather of the year, and rode to Chapter VA-W's (Chester) meeting on Nov. 9 to capture the Virginia Traveling Plaque. It will be available for capture again at their next meeting on Nov. 10. Let's keep that plaque moving.

REGION N PLAQUE TRAVELS TO NC - NOT so far away!!! Chapter NC-E2 (Elizabeth City, NC) traveled to Chapter KY-T's (Paintsville, KY) meeting on Nov. 20th and scrambled back home with the Region N Plaque. We know that there was at least one VA Chapter there to try and bring it back to Virginia, but they were unsuccessful. Elizabeth City isn't so far so maybe someone can go to NC-E2's Christmas party on Dec. 17th and bring it back home.

CHAPTER CANCELLATIONS

CHAPTERS VA-C, VA-D, VA-E, VA-K, VA-L, VA-M, VA-O, VA-P, VA-X & VA-Z CANCEL DECEMBER MEETING - Chapters VA-C (Newport News), VA-D (Richmond), VA-E (Fredericksburg), VA-K (Roanoke), VA-L (Chesapeake), VA-M (Martinsville), VA-O (Williamsburg), VA-P (Charlottesville), VA-X (Salem), & VA-Z (Culpeper) have cancelled their December meetings. Regular meetings will return in January.

CHAPTER VA-A1 CHANGES MEETING DATE FOR DEC. - Due to Christmas, Chapter VA-A1 (Stafford) has moved their Dec. meeting up one week to Dec. 19. Regular meetings will return in January.

CHAPTER VA-A CHANGES TIME FOR DECEMBER MEETING - Chapter VA-A (Northern Virginia), will have their Christmas Party at their December 13th meeting. It will start at 7:30pm rather than 8pm. Regular schedule will return in January.

CHAPTER VA-X CHANGES MEETING DAY FOR JANUARY - Chapter VA-X (Salem) will hold their January meeting one week late, on the 8th of January, due to New Year's Day. Location and time remain unchanged. Regular meeting dates will return in February.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birthdays

<u>December</u>	
Kathy White	10
Mike Nelson	20
Jennifer Carter	20
Ray Hitt	23
Rob Hardisty	24

<u>January</u>	
Gil Howard	7
Mary Messner	9
Ella Dorminey	11
Sharron Calahan	13
Gordon Combs	18
Warren Carter	22
Dot Baldwin	25
Allen Scott	28
Nancy Davis	31



Anniversaries

<u>December</u>	
Rufus & Jean Moore	16
Dave & Sharron Calahan	18
Joe & Sheila Pittman	22

<u>January</u>	
Ed & Wanda Hoeferkamp	9

Get well wishes go out to Brenda Karhan and Sharron Calahan. They both were hospitalized recently. They are both out and on the road to recovery.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11: Chapter C Christmas Party

December 11: Chapter W Christmas Party

December 11: Dumfries Parade 1 pm Line up 12noon, Rt. 1 Dumfries

December 12: Chapter Z Christmas Party

DECEMBER 15: CHAPTER E MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

January 1, 2005: Start the New Year off with a brunch at 10:00am at the Golden Corral. Then travel to Mike & Keri Nelson's at 5 pm for dinner. Bring a dish to share.

January 13th-16th: Maryland District Winter Thing 2005

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