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CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

February 2009



I will start this letter with the word ENTHUSIASM. That's what I felt in the month of January 2009. I have felt this way because you are the core reason that have made me believe that we as a team can excel into the realm of a successful year.

We had the first Pot Luck Dinner of 2009 at our house on 17 January and I must say that it was very successful. We had 36 members plus Tina and I. One thing about Gold Wings, we love to eat. There was every type of food and I mean good delicious foods and desserts to die for, the kind that makes you eat until you hurt. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we really didn't want anyone to leave, but because we promised Ed & Wanda that we'd bring them dinner as Wanda had to stay off her new knee and couldn't leave her house (per her doctor's orders), we had to leave. It would be easier to list the members that were not there than to list the ones that were therefore I will not list names individually. We had many conversations and played a game Tina & I put together called "Mar-

riage Trivia." It allowed each husband and wife to know just how much each knew about one another. The winner received a prize. Tom & Diana won the prize. I asked Tom what did he attribute his wining to, he said "it's because of 40 + years of marriage". I look forward to going to many more Pot Luck Dinners.

On Wednesday 21 January we had our first General Gathering/Meeting and I must admit that my anxiety was flourishing rather abundantly because I wanted everything to be perfect since it would be my first meeting as Chapter Director, but as usual, YOU as a TEAM always make me feel so comfortable and I do appreciate your comments and encouragement. We had 39 members and 9 guest. What a turn out. As you know I was officially installed as the Chapter Director by George Craddock, Asst District Director and Pat Hasiak, District Director. Katina and I received our Chapter Patches in which we will have sewn on by the next gathering/meeting. During our meeting we discussed many planned rides throughout the year. I hope everyone will put those dates on their calendars and participate in some or all of these rides. You know the saying that goes like this "THE CHAPTER THAT RIDES TOGETHER GROWS AND SUCCEEDS TOGETHER". Alright, that's my saying but it does sound good! I'm looking forward to many dinner rides, parking lot practices, Pot Luck Dinners, working with the Staff and visiting other chapters. But most of all just being with you as a TEAM..

On Sunday 25 January we had our first Dinner Ride and 17 Chapter-E Members showed up at MiMi's Restaurant in Massaponax. We had a ball and ate delicious foods.

Chapter-E will have the following planned rides and activities for 2009.

May 9, 2009 President's Park in Williamsburg

June 6, 2009 Ocean City MD. Stopping by Chrome World in Selbyville, DE.

June 20, 2009 Annual Tour DE Burg in Fredericksburg

July 18, 2009 Pork, Pine & Peanut Festival in Surry, VA

Some Chapter-E Members are going to Wing Ding in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Should you need more information, feel free to contact me or @ sylvestersavage@comcast.net.

I am looking forward to an exciting year and one that is safe for everyone.

Sly & Katina Savage

Chapter Director

Chapter-E

CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS

EDUCATOR'S CORNER Motorcycling in Virginia

You have a motorcycle classification on your driver's license, you have checked your motorcycle and it is working properly, you have all the right safety gear and your travel buddies are all lined up, so what else should you know before hitting the open road?

Before you enjoy the ride, familiarize yourself with highway signs designed to alert you to potentially challenging riding conditions. Slow down, be alert and adjust your position when approaching the following signs.

Open Joints on Bridge : This sign is displayed prior to open joints large enough that a motorcyclist could lose control, typically when the joint is parallel or no more than 30 degrees from parallel to the traffic lane and the joint is at least one and one half inches wide.

Bridge Expansion Joints: This sign is used when a joint across lanes creates a significant bump or is wide enough to cause a traction loss in wet weather so that a motorcyclist could lose control.

Rough Road, Bump and Uneven Lanes: These signs are used when certain road conditions, such as gravel or milled pavement, affect the roadway surface and create potentially difficult conditions for motorists, especially motorcyclists.

Traffic Signals: Traffic signals can present a challenge for motorcyclists. If a light does not turn green within a reasonable time and there are no vehicles behind you, you should roll your throttle on and off a few times, revving your motorcycle's engine. The added power may be enough to disrupt the electrical field prompting a light change. If this does not work, turn your motorcycle off and re-start it. The electrical field created by the starter should disrupt the sensor field and trigger the light change. To report a road hazard or traffic signal problem, call the Virginia Department of Transportation's Highway Helpline at (800) 367-7623.

(This article is reprinted from the Virginia Department of Transportation) Presented to Bob by Carol Lucas.

Postcard from the Grays



We miss all of you and thought it was about time we wrote to tell you how things are going. Larry is working hard – 6 days per week and long hours each day. I'm renewing an acquaintance from years ago who now lives in Hawaii (a woman I taught school with many years ago). The weather has been great; we are embarrassed to have it so nice when we hear how cold it has been in Fredericksburg.

Larry decided to take up surfing. That seems to be the sport of choice around here and he figured if he could ride a motorcycle, he could easily keep his balance on a surf-board. He found a club to join – the Great Wave Riptide Riders Association – and he attended the Bonzi Pipeline chapter's January gathering (the BP chapter is in the North Shore district). When they asked him to introduce himself, he took the opportunity to tell the members of his passion for safety and he suggested to all in attendance that they start wearing life preservers and water wings when surfing. Larry says he was a little apprehensive about criticizing people he really didn't know but he says they took his advice very positively. Larry says they even appointed him to be an honorary Chapter Educator and gave him a job: When the NS-BP chapter goes to one beach to surf (and get the message out about proper surfing safety gear), Larry is to go to any other beach and tell all the surfers he sees about the benefits of life preservers and water wings (he says they were very insistent that he go to a different beach so there would be no duplication of effort). Larry doesn't think he will have much time to actually surf with these new responsibilities but he understands it's a higher calling he should pursue. I guess that will keep him busy on his day off.

I'll try to write again and let you know how things are going with us in a month or so. Let us know any news at that end.

Sylvia



CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



Greetings "E" Team Members!

GWRRA National has provided us the complete listing of all members assigned to Chapter E. Here is a trivia question for you: including husband, spouse, significant others and children, all of who are members with assigned numbers, how many people are assigned to Chapter E? Ready.....144 Yes, that's right, 144 people. I spent half a Saturday contacting many people who are members of GWRRA but did not know they were assigned to Chapter E. All of them asked to be added to our email data base and many of them intend to come to our meetings. As I type this, I just came home from our staff meeting. Wow, we had a very productive meeting. We scheduled some more dinner rides and made some final plans for our Spouse Appreciation Dinner (Ladies Night). Here is the upcoming schedule of events currently planned.....

02/18 General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

02/21 CPR / First Aid Class @ Fredericksburg Library

02/22 Dinner Ride to Roma's 2 pm (ride contact is Gordon)

3/14 Spouse Appreciation Dinner (Ladies Night)

03/18 General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

03/21 Mature Rider Class @ Spotsylvania Library

03/22 Dinner Ride to Clearwater Grill 2 pm (ride contact is Dan)

04/15 General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

04/19 ERC Course @ Germanna CC (Locust Grove Campus)

05/09 Dinner Ride to Presidents Park (ride contact is Sly)

05/20 General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

06/06 Ocean City / Chrome World Ride (ride contact is Sly)

06/07 Richmond Ride for Kids (ride contact is Gordon)

06/17 General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

06/20 E Team's Tour De Burg

07/15 General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

07/18 Pork, Peanut & Pine Festival (ride contact is Sly)

L ooking forward to time spent with my E Team family

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10 Robert & Kimberly Clark

11 Lou & Joyce Mitchell

24 Tracy & Katreice Williams



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04 Jonathan Newman

05 Elaine Murphy

07 Linda Hardisty

11 Nancy Groves

11 Sharon Poulakowski

14 Chip Galloway

16 Larry Gray

17 Alvin "Tim" Hayes

20 Sonny Pratt



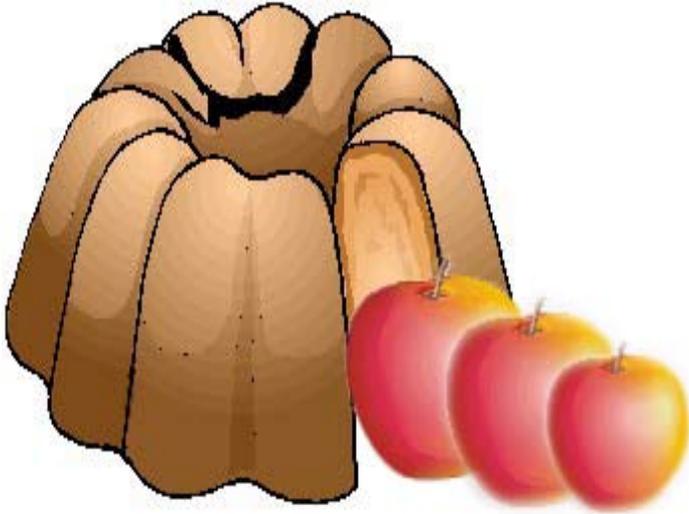
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SUNDAY 1	MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6	SATURDAY 7
		STAFF MEETING			WINGLESS WEEKEND	WINGLESS WEEKEND
8 WINGLESS WEEKEND	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 GENERAL MEETING	19	20	21 CPR/FIRST AID CLASS FREDERICKSBURG LIBRARY
22 DINNER RIDE ROMA'S 2:00PM	23	24	25	26	27	28



MEMBER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



APPLE CAKE

3 eggs	1 tsp. Salt
1 ½ cups oil	1 tsp. Baking soda
2 cups sugar	1 tsp. Allspice
3 cups chopped apples	1 tsp. Cinnamon
1 ½ cups chopped pecans	2 tsp. Vanilla
3 cups flour	

Mix eggs, sugar and oil. Blend well. Add flour, salt, baking soda, allspice, and cinnamon. Mix well. Add vanilla, apples and pecans. Blend well. Put into a greased Bundt pan or tube pan. Bake at 350° for one hour.

TOPPING:

1 cup brown sugar
½ cup milk
1 stick butter

Cook all of the above for 2 ½ minutes. Poke holes in hot cake and pour the topping on cake. Cool completely, remove cake with topping! ENJOY!

Submitted by: Karen Kestner

You missed a "Great" weekend in Ocean City at Winterthing!

The weather was beautiful, except for a light rain Saturday evening. The hotel was exceptional in service and accommodations, the entertainment provided by participants was, as always, very entertaining with a great DJ following the entertainment. The food delicious and varied, many seminars were available the people games were a blast!

As you can see in the pictures, one of the games, we were described as the "Most Entertaining!" Wii bowling, and a string game were also played with the "Best" in each game winning a prize. Chapter E came through again, for Mike won the string game!

All we can say is . . . think about going to Winterthing in Maryland, January 2010 for a great time!

As always,

Ride Safe,

Carol & Mike Lucas



Getting Instructions



Assistance Needed



Success!