The Battlefield Buzz

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

"Battlefield Wings"

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

Missing Silver Deposit Found!

The missing 900 lb Silver deposit from Hartwood has been found in the garage of one Larry Gray, aka 'Sexy' of Ferry Farms. "He's quite elusive," says our source, "Hotline tips place him in Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Northern Indiana.

A missing GL-1200 was found at the home of a relative in Indiana, which led to the discovery in the Ferry Farms garage. "We were able to track it down using the code 'GL', which seems to be appearing everywhere lately."

The USGS was unable to use its new spy satellite to locate the Silver deposit. Seems that it's tracking system computers have crashed. "We locked onto a huge chromium deposit in Caroline county. There's so much chrome, it reflected the signal back to our new satellite, overheating our motherboards."

Before their systems went down, the USGS had determined that the Chromium was shielding a blue-cobalt deposit, somewhere near Bowling Green. The code word 'GL' was present again, along with the code names 'Cotton Top' and 'the Chromed one'.

'The Buzz' is researching the theory that they may be 'associates' of 'The Old Wise One' and 'Sexy', who also have been linked to the 'GL' code…

Chapter Gathering @
Golden Corral Wed. Jan.19 6pm-eat, 7pm
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Upcoming!

Santa Recovering From Double Knee Replacement

Sat.Dec.11 –

Santa Claus, aka Kris Kringle, has been put on lite-duty for the month of January, following his mistake of letting two fat ki… I mean Gordon and Frankie, sit on his lap at the VA-E Christmas Feast.

The two butted their way to the front of the line, in their never-ending quest for more lights and chrome. “I couldn’t turn them away.” said Santa. “I’ve known them since they were little shavers.”

ACD Dan Fritz quickly rallied Santa’s welcoming/security committee (the grandchildren of VA-E), and Santa was saved from serious injury. After five minutes in the time-out chairs, the children allowed the pair to return to the party.

The Editor will continue to follow this late breaking news…

The "E"-Team *staff team members gettin' it organized…*

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Team Leader Meeting every 1st Tuesday @ Ledo Pizza Massaponax 6:30 eat-7:00 meet

our team members in action…

VA-E Chapter Gathering every 3rd Wednesday @ Golden Corral Massaponax-I-95, exit 126, US-1 north, right on Market St, right on Spotsylvania Avenue, 10320, on right. 6pm eat-7pm meet.

Our Chapter Color is Burgundy, so you might notice a bit of it throughout this newsletter.

We enjoy riding, eating, and laughing, in no particular order.

And of course, we really like our Gold Wings…the Ultimate Touring Motorcycles…period.

Special thanks to Honda Powersports of Crofton MD, for making Bob a deal he couldn't refuse on his new 2010 Metallic Titanium Gold Wing.	Nicely done Larry, for adding Bob's 2005 Metallic Silver Gold Wing to your garage, and for passing along your 1987 GL-1200 to family in Indiana.

Sunday, February 6th Super Bowl Pot Luck
@ Charlie & Ellen's

The **Log Cabin Restaurant in Stafford**
Dinner Ride Tuesday, January 18th 6:30 PM This is an RSVP dinner ride. They need a head count by early Monday, so please RSVP to me by then. I have reserved their private area for ourselves on this ride.

Wingless Weekend…

Let's all think up some items for the COY door decorations. And then let's bring 'em!

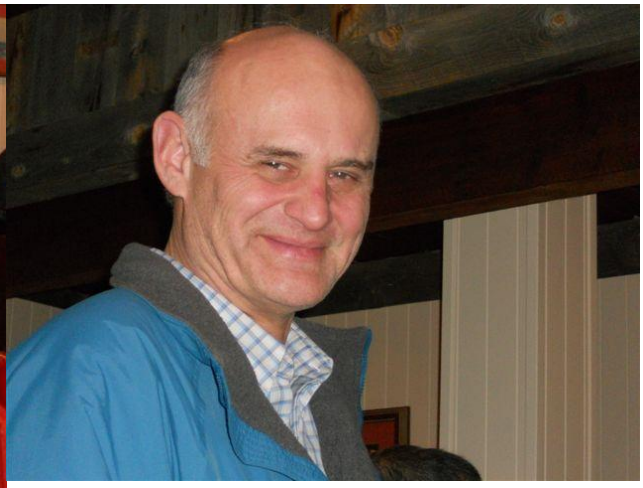
The theme is Pajama Party, let's make Charlie and Ellen's door look great.

All Members Alert!

We need at least two paragraphs from EVERYONE, at least every other month! Design your very own page if you like! Who can make the coolest page for 'The Buzz'???

Congratulations to Jere and Linda Goodman, for accepting the position of International Deputy Directors of GWRRA-Regions A,B,D,N. They now live in Stafford County, and we at VA-E are looking forward to making them feel right at home.

Red Lobster Holliday Get Together Dinner



Larry always gets happy when he is about to eat!

Tony no-socks, that's a sneaky grin... What'chu been up to?

Just face it Richard… Mary loves his hair.

Careful Dannie…Carol's not laughing…

REDSKINS

Crave On.

Women
Men
EXIT

Happy New Year!

Your team leaders got together for our January meeting and did some ride planning for the 1st quarter of this year plus some. We are excited about riding this year and we are planning an overnight trip for the chapter (think casino, more details to come). Please mark your calendars for……

Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30 PM Dinner Ride to the Log Cabin…this is an RSVP ride, so please RSVP to Gordon. We have to give them a count by Monday the 17th.

Sunday, February 6th, Super Bowl Pot Luck @ Charlie & Ellen's. We will get together early afternoon so you can get home to watch the game.

Saturday, February 12th, CPR/First Aid Class (this class is full)

Sunday, February 27th, Dinner Ride to Hibachi Grill on route 3.

Friday/Saturday February 18th & 19th VA District Wingless Weekend

Sunday, March 6th Pot Luck @ Danny & Carole's

Saturday, March 12th Team Riding Seminar

Saturday, March 19th CPR/First Aid Class

Sunday, March 20th Dinner Ride to Sakura Japanese Steakhouse

Saturday, May 21st Chrome World Ride

If you have a place you want to go, please let your team leaders know so we can get it scheduled. We are planning a dinner ride to Pope's Creek and Annapolis during the summer months. We are also planning to visit other Chapters so watch you emails for the date and times.

I look forward to seeing you on the road!

Gordon Combs – MEC Team Leader

Chapter Directors *thoughts from Gordon & Julie…*

Greetings E Team,

Happy New Year! We started out the New Year with 42 of us getting together at Golden Corral for breakfast. Speaking of Golden Corral, it will be our new General Gathering place starting Wednesday, January 19th. As you know, we have had the Virginia District traveling plaque for 5 months now. As of January 1st, your new District Leaders revised the rules and removed the distance restriction. Because of this rule change, we expect a number of chapters to come after the plaque, so get there early and get a seat.

I am asking everyone to consider going to the Virginia District Wingless Weekend February 18th and 19th. As an added incentive, I will be bringing a number of applications to the General Gathering this month. Bring a check for your payment ($32 per person) and we will put everyone's name that pre-registers that night or earlier into a drawing and the winner will have their registration paid. As far as I know, we have 11 team members going so far, so let's make that number much larger. Wingless Weekend is in a new venue this year, The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Richmond. Your new District Directors are shaking things up this year so you will not be able to say "been there, done that."

Also add Wing Ding to your calendar as we have 18 team members planning to go this year. It is in Knoxville, TN, just a "fur-piece" down the road.

I plan on riding more during the cold months, so come on out and join me (ok, I wimped out and purchased heated clothing).

Be there or miss the fun,

Gordon Combs – Chapter Director

Training

I like humor so let's start with a little. I've been told the following have actually been printed in church bulletins:

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

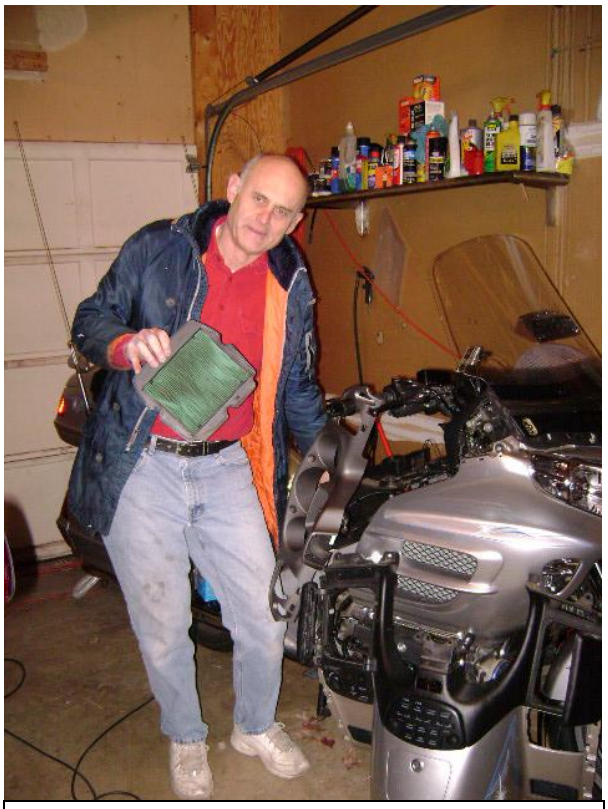
Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.



After 3 days, Larry successfully finds his GL1800 air filter and understands why Bob sold the bike rather than change the filter. In another 3 days Larry hopes to reassemble everything if he can remember where all the pieces are.

Let's move on. As mentioned in several earlier emails, we have arranged for CPR and First Aid training to be presented in February and March. I think both classes are basically full and I want to express my appreciation for our members signing up for this training. We all hope we will never be called on to use such training but some day we might and if I'm the victim I'll be very thankful when one of you comes to my aid.

Another training opportunity we have coming up is the Team Riding Seminar. We will present this GWRRA seminar on March 12th at the Salem Church branch of the library. In the past we have tried to schedule this seminar every other year but unless attendance is lousy, we plan to offer it each year from now on. It is, in my opinion, one of the most important safety seminars GWRRA offers. Someone new to GWRRA can get a great understanding of how we ride as a group while seasoned GWRRA'ers can get a refresher and, more importantly, offer insights during the seminar that may be helpful to all in attendance. I hope to get an overflow crowd at this seminar and have lots of audience participation. I'll have more to say about the arrangements for this seminar in an email later this month or next.

Rider Ed, cont.

GWRRA offers a number or seminars that are not rider seminars per se but rather are intended to help volunteer leaders do the best possible job for GWRRA members. All seminars are open to all members (and non-members). Most are relevant to our non-GWRRA lives as well. These seminars are offered through the Leadership Training Division (LTD). I have attended a few of these and have been very impressed with their quality. A few LTD seminars are presented at RITV and Wingless each year but District wants to make them available at the Chapter level. That is a pretty generous offer and I will work to set one or more of these up at our local library branch if we have interest. Here is a list of what is available:

Chapter Leadership Skills:

Leadership
Chapter Structure and Organization
Chapter Finances
Newsletters
Delegation
Staffing and Appointment
You're an Officer-Now What?
Interviewing Techniques

Intermediate Leadership Skills:

Building High Performance Teams
Financial Reporting and the IRS
Motivating & Managing Volunteers
Releasing Volunteer Leaders
Chapter Communication Plan
Problem Solving
Win-Win Progress Reviews
FUNdraising

Advanced Leadership Skills:

The Nature of Leadership
High Impact Leadership Skills
People Based Leadership Skills
Leadership Survival Skills
Getting to Know Yourself
Studies in Applied Leadership
Coaching and Mentoring
Conflict Management

Member Orientation Program:

History of GWRRA
Structure of GWRRA
Helpful Info for New Members
Member Benefits Overview
Training the Members
Horizons Overview
How to Participate in GWRRA
How to Have Fun at a Rally

Life Skills Program:

Time Management
Stress Management
Managing Change
Listening and Communicating
Remembering Names
Public Speaking Basics
Self Esteem, Key to Success

Chapter Life:

Flyers for Fun & Profit
What is a CD?
What is the Rider Ed Program?
How to Show/Judge a Bike
Planning a Chapter Event
Chapter Structure and Organization

If some of these topics interest you, let me know your interests and I will work with District Staff to see if we can host some here in Fredericksburg ----------**Larry**

Rider Ed, Seminar Update

CPR/FirstAid Update

Date: 1/7/11
To: VA-E, et al
From: Larry
Subject: CPR/FA

My thanks to everyone who provided class date preferences. I know some of you did not see my most recent email or could not respond for some reason or another so I made some decisions for you. Below is information on who is signed up for each class. This is not in concrete and changes can be made but it would be easiest for me if you found someone to swap with if you need to change your date. I have been authorized to "overbook" the classes a little to allow for last minute cancellations but I ask that any last minute cancellations or requests to be added (Mary, you may have some) be communicated to me ASAP (larry.e.gray@boeing.com<mailto:larry.e.gray@boeing.com>). I will be on business travel for a couple of weeks so it may take a few days for me to respond to you.

February 12, 2011 9:30 AM class at the Salem Church branch of the Rappahannock Library (2607 Salem Church Road, Spotsylvania County, VA, N38 deg 16.614 minutes, W77 deg 32.017 minutes)

Gordon Combs	***Dan and Martha Jo***	***Dave and Norma***	***Karen and Greg***
Dannie and Carole	***Ron and Linda***	***Keith Hill***	***Frankie Chapman***

March 19, 2011 9:30 AM class at the England Run branch of the Rappahannock Library (806 Lyons Blvd, Stafford County, VA, N38 deg 21.803 minutes W77 deg 29.863 minutes)

Sly	***Patrick and Darlene Wilson***	***Tony and Sharon***		***Mary O'Connor***
Jim and Leslie	***Richard Wilson***	***Bob Dorminey***	***Tony Jenzer***	***Me***

For out of towners: For Salem Church branch use I-95 exit 133B. Go west 6 lights and turn left onto Salem Church road. The library is just shy of 1 mile on Salem Church.

For England Run branch use I-95 exit 130B. Go 4 lights and turn right onto Plantation. The library is just shy of 1 mile on Plantation. See also http://www.librarypoint.org/branches.

Cost for this class is $20. I feel I'm on the hook for this so please show up with your cash or let me know you aren't coming right away. Budget 5 hours for the class.

Thanks to all,

Larry

Chapter COY *musings from Charlie & Ellen…*

Hello Everyone,

Wow, where did the month go. Seems like only yesterday we were busy decorating the house for Christmas. Now we have to take it all down. The grandkids are a little disappointed. I don't believe they are old enough to realize Christmas doesn't last forever.

Christmas day left us with some great memories. Are Granddaughter Samantha got a Puitar (Guitar) from Santa and is now a newly discovered rock star (look out world). Benny our Grandson decided just to take his time and enjoy the opening of his gifts. After 2 hours Samantha got inpatient and decided to help him out of course that didn't set well with Benny. I on the other hand got a little nervous. Like any other year I couldn't decide what to get for Ellen, three days before Christmas I finally decided to get her a new laptop. Only one problem I had to order it online. Good thing for me it showed up Christmas Eve it would have been cold out in the doghouse this time of year.

We are really looking forward to the New Year. Beginning with the Pot Luck/ Super bowl party at our house on 6 February, Wingless weekend, Wingding and all the diner rides. It looks like a great year is shaping up for Chapter "E".

Ellen and I have begun training again for the Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in May. That would be the perfect time to put our Gold wings on display for the thousands of people who will be attending. We are also excited about Jay joining us in the Rock and Roll Marathon in Virginia Beach, VA.

Want to say congratulations to Greg Kestner for winning the Newsletter Award. That's about it for now I will leave with one thought "**Get out of the House and Ride"**

Charlie and Ellen Smith
Chapter Couple
VA- E

HILLBILLY TALK Dannie Hays

Since last month's newsletter came out, the Editor, (AKA-the Instagator) asked if maybe I could enlighten some of you all on my "hillbilly talk". My first wife, who was from a whole lot further back in the hills than I was, was one of the first, (if not the very first), to point out to me that the pronunciation of "Creek" was not "Crick" (not a stiff neck) and "chimney" was not "chimley" and car had "tires" on them, not "tars". She was a lot better "book read" and "book learned" than I. Over the years I have tried to improve myself, but some habits are hard to get "shed of". "The Instagator" in "funning" me, "a talken" bout " it being a "fur piece" down in that "dad-gum" "holler", has put me "smack dab" on a spot. "The Old Wise One" had just said that he was looking down on the tops of some very tall trees, and he was right. All you had to do was take one quick "gander" over the edge of the road to see that is was a "fur piece" to the bottom. If someone had went over, they would be "a rollin for a while". The whole bunch of us was a bit "skittish", as I noticed that most of us was staying in the left track much of the time. I'm not saying that anyone is "askeered of" anything, but it does pay to be cautions, especially on a bike.

After getting down off that mountain, and "The Instagator" going the wrong way, the "IBBC" stop was more than welcome. I just figured we was "a fixin" to have a "gulley-washer" going on, but it wasn't all that bad. Hate those u'turns.

At Seneca Rock we "et" our "vittles" the waitress "fetched" us, and another "IBBC" stop before cleaning our windshields a little. I'm pretty sure that "The Instagator" didn't "aim" to "het up" or "put out" anyone, as he was just "cutting up", I think, maybe not, but I know "Chucky" and "The Chromed One" was wishing he would just "hesh up" about the polish.

By the time we reached Elkins I was starting to feel "awful poorly", but after fueling up and drinking some much needed water, I didn't feel quiet as "peaked". Down at Greenbank I enjoyed the tour and ice cream and at the Gift Shop I bought Carole a pink cap, which they put in a "poke" for me, to wear to some of the "doins" on our schedule.

At Marlinton I didn't want to be in too close quarters with anyone, not knowing what I was coming down with, so I took a room to myself. After "The Instagator" allowed that I might have an old girlfriend to meet up with, I told him that I didn't know anyone or have any relatives in these "parts" of West Virginia.

After supper I went to my room, "clum" into bed, because I was just "plumb tuckered out", pulled up the "kivers", and was able to sleep bout half the night. By morning I knew that I "dasn't" dare go on, so I told the guys, "You'ns" go on with the ride as I am "a headin" home. Well now, don't you just know, the first one to speak up is "The Chromed One" saying "If you're feeling that bad, I'll ride home with you. Well now, I'm not about to let that happen and ruin anyone's fun, for I know as they indicated that anyone or every one of them would have ridden with me had it really been necessary. Thank the Good Lord it wasn't. This same bunch demonstrated the same compassion and concern for another one of "Our Gang" on a later ride. A man can't ask for better friends.

The morning was a bit foggy and a little "airish" so I "lollygagged" around the motel for awhile after the guys had pulled out, then went and fueled up, got some coffee and headed toward home. Out of Marlinton, I went east on 39 over to Goshen and Route 42 to Staunton.

I "et" a bite or two and rested a bit at the Golden Arches there, called "Chucky", left him a message as to where I was, and okay, hadn't been "pizened" or anything like that, and would call again when I got home.

Run down I-64 to Charlottesville, 231 to Gordansville, 15 to Orange, 20 to Wilderness and 3 to Fredericksburg. Not a bad ride. Try it sometime. By the time I arrived home my head and back side was a "smarting" pretty good.

Spent Sunday and Monday inside resting, trying to nurse myself, went to the doctor on Tuesday, had a bad sinus infection. Anyway, then I got doctored up, got better and was able to "reddy" up and go down to Maggie Valley on a ride at a later date. While we were there, we were literally engulfed in H-D's, some kind of rally or some such thing going on, but "naw" they didn't want to show or "whup" up on us, didn't act "Biggety" or anything like that, they are just the same as we are. People who love to ride.

I do hope this has enlightened, at least some of you all, on the vocabulary of some of us "hillbillys" and believe me there are a whole lot more of "words and phrases" used not mentioned here. As for us hillbillys, most are perfectly harmless, little ruff around the edges, but mean well.

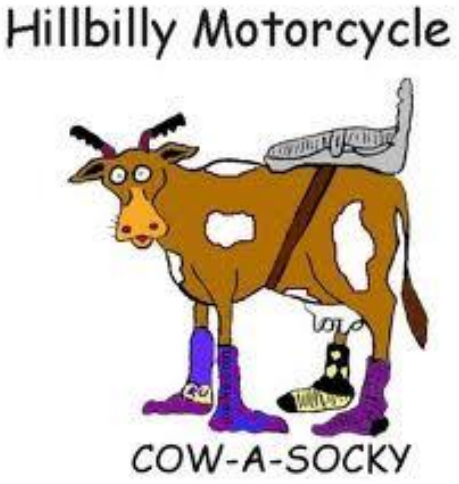
Reminds me of "Our Gang", don't it?

The Hillbilly

P.S. "Our Gang" as I referred to, was all the guys that went on the West Virginia trip, and the Maggie Valley trip. I certainly don't mean to exclude anyone in the "chapter", all of you are jewels.

One thing I don't quite understand, is why Jeff didn't get an A.K.A.??

Greg-	The Instagator	Dannie-	The Hillbilly
Gordon-	Chucky	Mike-	P.T.
Butch-	The Slayer	Larry-	The Sexy One
Jeff-			
Frankie-	The Chromed One		
Bob-	The Old Wise One		



2011 Calendar

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 **E-team staff Meeting Ledo's Pizza Massaponax**	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19 **VA-E monthly Gathering @ Golden Corral Massaponax**	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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From the District newsletter

ANGIE'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a great holiday, and are now looking forward to a fun-filled year with your GWRRA family.

Wingless Weekend is right around the corner, and I wanted to take some time to thank in advance the sponsors that we have to date. They are as follows: Tidewater Motorcycle Safety Training Program, Inc., Motorcycle Safety League of Virginia, Inc., The Home Place Restaurant in Roanoke, Virginia, the law firm of Tom McGrath, and Mary Kay. All have provided donations and/or their time to ensure that we have a successful Wingless Weekend, and we sure couldn't do it without them. Needless to say, we will thank those publicly that we can at Wingless Weekend, and others will receive a note of thanks from the District.

Have you checked out the Wingless Weekend link yet? Those that will be attending the Mary Kay session need to check it out so that you can receive a gift bag and $5.00 certificate.

As mentioned previously, the Logo Contest is on for Rally in the Valley. The theme is Harvest Fest, and we hope to see many, many entries. This will be a —People's Choice‖ contest and the winner will be selected at Wingless Weekend. All entries must be in by February 1, 2011 , so limber up those fingers and get started. With all the talent we have in Vir-ginia, we are looking forward to receiving each and every entry.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the passing of John Koty, former Senior Region N Director. For those of you that knew him, you know how special he was, for those that don't, we owe many thanks to him and Louise for the years that they worked for the members in Region N as our Region N Director and made this Region as strong and vital as it is today. He was not only me and Mike's friend, but our mentor and advisor during our tenure as both District and Region N Directors, and we owe him and Louise a debt of gratitude for their friendship and wisdom. GWRRA has lost a valuable member, but we will forever keep him in our thoughts.

Angie
The Better Half

Virginia Plaque Location
VA-E Fredericksburg, VA
CD: Gordon Combs
Phone: 540-840-0394
Available: Jan 19, 2011

GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

WINGLESS WEEKEND

PAJAMA PARTY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18-19 2011

HOSTED BY THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT

ATTIRE - PAJAMAS ENCOURAGED

Come and join the FUN

Friday
Registration 6 – 8:30 pm
Social Time
Theme Contest:
Best Dressed – Male (Home made & Bought)
Best Dressed – Female (Home made & Bought)
Best Theme Dressed – Chapter
Best Performance (Must have at least 4 members)
Ice Cream Social following performances

Saturday
Registration 8 am – 12 Noon
Seminars
Chapter Competition Games
Hospitality Room
Evening Dinner
Entertainment/Dancing 50/25/15/10

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6531 West Broad St, Richmond VA
(877) 227-6963 / (804) 285-9951
Mention GWRRA when making room reservations
Rooms blocked until February 6, 2011; Room rate $72 per night single/double
Registration Fee: $32 per person; $12 under age 12; FREE under age 2;
$35 for non-GWRRA members
Pre-Registration due by February 1, 2011

DIRECTIONS FROM NORTH:
TAKE I-95 S, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 S TO GET ON I-64 WEST TOWARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOWARDS WEST BROAD STREET.
HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM SOUTH: TAKE I-95 N, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 N TO GET ON I-64 WEST TOW ARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOWARDS WEST BROAD STREET. HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM EAST: GET ON I-64 W . BRIEFLY MERGE ONTO TO I-95N, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 N TO GET BACK ON I-64 WEST TOWARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOW ARDS WEST BROAD STREET. HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM WEST: GET ON I-64 E. TAKE EXIT 183 OFF OF I-64 E TOWARDS WEST BROAD STREET. GO PAST THE FIRST EXIT ON GLENSIDE AND TAKE THE SECOND EXIT TOWARDS US 250 / BROAD STREET. HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE

Deadline for Pre-Registration is February 1, 2011
(You must pre-register to be guaranteed the Satruday Night Plated Dinner)
No Refunds after February 1, 2011
Return completed form with check payable to GWRRA Virginia
Send check to 1613 Dogwood Rd, Powhatan, VA 23139

Rider _____ GWRRA #_____ Chapter _____
CO-Rider _____ GWRRA # _____

Pre-Register - GWRRA Member	$32 x _____ = $ _____
Pre-Register - Non-GWRRA Member	$35 x _____ = $ _____
Pre-register for Richmond Historical Tour (Saturday):	$16 x _____ = $ _____
Pre-register for CPR/First Aid class - (Limited to first 12)	$20 x _____ = $ _____
CPR - Full _____ Recert _____	
	Total: = $ _____

Plated dinner choice (Choose one): Fried Chicken _____ Pork Loin _____

Address: _____

I would like an e-mail registration confirmation ____Yes E-Mail address:_____

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the Co-sponsoring organizations and the property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by any reason of participation in the event.

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____

Region N Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Good Morning All, The Membership Enhancement Team along with Region N Directors Ed and Mary Ann Grazier are excited to announce the selection of Russell and Kathy (KJ) Kimmet as the Region N Membership Enhancement Coordinators.

Russell and KJ have currently been Chapter Directors of TN Q. They are very active within GWRRA and we look forward to having them on the Membership Enhancement Team in Region N. Please join us in welcoming them to the Region N Team and their new position.

"EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"

"Together Everyone Accomplishes More"

Ed and Linda Johnson
International Directors
GWRRA Membership Enhancement Program

Trike SIG DISCONTINUED

Good Afternoon All, Effective January 1, 2011, the Trike SIG (Special Interest Group), under the Membership Enhancement Program will be discontinued.

"EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"

"Together Everyone Accomplishes More"

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Nan and I are very excited and honored to be asked to serve in the position as your new International Directors of Motorist Awareness. We want to thank Mike, Gene and Charles for giving us the opportunity to serve the members in such a great organization.

We would like to say Thank You to Charles & Nancy for an outstanding job as the International Directors of Motorist Awareness. They have made tremendous strides in educating the motoring public as to the existence of motorcycles, and bringing all riders and drivers a renewed degree of safety. We wish them well in their new endeavors, and know that they will always be part of this great program.
Nan and I were married in July of 1984 and have made our home in Clarksville, Tennessee. Our family consists of Nan's two brothers and one sister. We also have a spoiled Miniature Schnauzer that is a year old. Since we have such a small circle of family members, GWRRA has become our extended family stretching from east to west and north to south.

We are both Grand Master Tour Riders, Seminar Presenters and Leadership Training Instructors. Nan is a Medic First Instructor and I am a Medic First Instructor/Trainer. I am also an ARC/TRC Rider Course Instructor.
Our membership in GWRRA began in October of 1995, having served in numerous staff positions at many levels. Our obvious passion is the Rider Education Program with our most recent assignment as International Assistant Directors.

We look forward to continuing our service with the International Team as we strive to uphold the highest of standards within the Motorist Awareness Program. Additionally, we are eagerly looking forward to working for the members by providing seminars to as many civic organizations as possible. Through education we will continue to let the public know that motorcyclist are numerous, and no different in that we are merely riding a low profile vehicle.
We will also let them know our membership is made of their relatives, neighbors, doctors and friends.

We would like to say thank you to every Motorist Awareness coordinator for everything you do for the membership by setting getting the message out to your communities and the non riding public. We hope that you will continue to inform the public of our presence on the roads that they travel daily

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Greetings and Happy Holidays,

During the past 7 months, I have been inundated with questions about permitting Can Am Spyders into our GWRRA Trike Courses. Initially, we knew very little about the Can Am Spyder, but in an attempt to serve the members, we began our quest for knowledge of it's stability and operation.

The initial contact we had with the manufacturer, Bombardier Recreational Products of Canada produced very little cooperation in obtaining information of their product. We continued to seek information, going to multiple dealers who welcomed the inquiries and readily offered us a Spyder to test ride.

During the S.M.S.A. (State Motorcycle Safety Administrators) conference in Columbus, Ohio, we were able to discuss the Spyder at great length with Cundiff Simmons of the Virginia Rider Education Program. Cundiff is a leader in the Motorcycle Instruction field and highly respected among his peers.
He had brought several of the Spyders with him and conducted demonstrations as to what the machine could do safely, and it's limitations.

At this point we had learned that the Spyder isn't a trike in the "traditional " sense of the word, as it sports two front wheels and a single rear wheel. It does not LEAN!
It has dual (A) arms complimenting a single rear shock. The frame is a "Y" shaped cradle surrounding the 990cc V-twin engine, which is liquid cooled.
Additionally, the computer does compensate when it senses a loss of traction by the Spyder, which lends to increased control.

The "Triangle of Stability" does not appear to be different than a conventional trike. While from initial observation it may appear to be off center, it does not physically move as long as the rider/co-rider maintain a centralized seating position as called for in the TRC course material.

During an Instructors course in Huntsville, Alabama, (2) Can Am Spyders participated in the Trike Class under close supervision of several Master Instructors and a Master Instructor Trainer. Everyone commented as to it's ability to not only complete the Trike Course, but to excel at it.
It should be noted that this testing on the TRC was done under less than favorable weather conditions as it was raining at times very heavily.

The only exercise the Spyder could not complete, is the OPTIONAL exercise, #11 which is the voluntary wheel lift. The computer on the Spyder simply would not allow for the lifting of the wheels.

My interest having been peaked, the next opportunity was to actually test ride a Spyder in St. Petersburg, Florida. The manager of the dealership offered to let me ride one to test, but I don't think he was ready for me to test it so vigorously. With full protective gear, I put the Spyder through tight corners, swerving/evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, and basically tried to "defeat" it's reputation as being stable.
However, my finding was that it is a stable motorcycle having withstood everything I threw at it.

As all of you are aware, we do not take lightly the responsibility of making certain that our Riding Courses are designed with the intent of Rider Safety to the max. Our members look to us with trust, that when GWRRA provides a riding course, it is done with the knowledge that all of the exercises are designed to be very safe.
Our Instructors are trained to provide the ultimate Rider Instruction, with the maximum effort placed on providing a safe educational experience.

With all of this being said, after the testing, gathering of information and consultation with our Instructors, and the Director of GWRRA, I have made a decision as it pertains to admitting Can Am Spyders into the GWRRA Trike Courses.

While many of our members have purchased the Can Am Spyder, it was our responsibility to them, to make certain that any courses provided would be safe and enjoyable. In our associations philosophy of always trying to work for and with the members, I have decided to permit the Can Am Spyder to participate in GWRRA Trike Courses effective January 01, 2011.

Riders and Co-Riders of Can Am Spyders will be subject to the same requirements of all participants of GWRRA Riding Courses. Wearing of Proper Riding Gear at all times will be required.

We are pleased to be able to meet the needs of the members by providing opportunities for safe riding education. The admission of the Can Am Spyder was not made hastily, but only in the sense that we want our members to be as safe as possible on our ranges.

*There will be some who now ask about the admission of 4 wheel vehicles such as Voyager Kits, Insta-trikes, and Tow Paks into our courses. These vehicles are unsafe **in my opinion**, and not able to participate in GWRRA riding courses. Having observed and ridden some of these in testing, I found that by having a moving central drive wheel, with two stagnant outer wheels, the stability of the bike becomes questionable.*

They are however, welcome to take part in Parking Lot Practices to keep their riding skills sharp.

I wish to thank all of our Instructors who have tirelessly worked to provide the information needed to make this decision. Rest assured that all of our members are central to every issue as it relates to Rider Education. A very special Thank You goes to Mike Stiger, Director of GWRRA for his commitment to this issue, and support of the Rider Education Program.

Ride Safe, Ride Often,
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<u>January Birthdays</u>
04 Michael Griffin
06 Diana Evans
09 Marry Messner
11 Ella Dorminey
13 Sharon Calahan
13 Tony Poulakowski
18 Gordon Combs
19 Sean Travis
22 Warren Carter
24 Gary Best
30 Mark Hardisty
31 Norman Reynolds

The best birthdays of all are those that haven't arrived yet…
Robert Orben

<u>January Anniversaries</u>
09 Ed & Wanda Hoeferkamp

The secret of a happy marriage remains a secret…
Henry Youngman

Send in your For Sales, Freebies, and Wanteds…

OLD FASHIONED SOFT PUMPKIN COOKIES
(Makes 3 dozen)

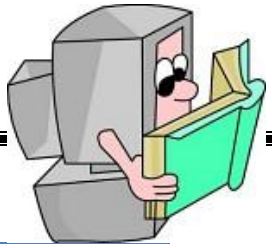
2 -1/2 (2and a half) cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup butter, softened
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup LIBBY'S Solid Pack Pumpkin
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Glaze (recipe follows)

COMBINE: flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in medium bowl. Cream butter and sugar in large mixer bowl. Add pumpkin, egg and vanilla; beat until light and creamy. Mix in dry ingredients until well blended. DROP by rounded tablespoon onto greased cookie sheet. Smooth tops of cookies

BAKE in preheated 350 degrees oven for 10 to 15 minutes (time may vary, check it). Cool on wire racks. Drizzle Glaze over top.

GLAZE:
COMBINE 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, 3 tablespoons milk, 1 tablespoon melted butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in small bowl until smooth.

NOTE: For variation, stir any one of the following ingredients into batter.
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup rolled oats and
½ cup crushed pineapple, drained



TECH TIPS FROM THE WEBDUDE :: 15 ANDROID TIPS

This month, I continue with part 2 of my favorite 15 Android tricks and tips. These tips are mostly for Android version 2.1 which is probably the most common version used today. However, these will most likely be backwards compatible (applicable to older versions) as well as the latest Froyo (version 2.2) release.

Remember, these tips aren't mine (most of them). I found them in various places on the Web and I picked my favorites because I felt they were worth sharing here. So please don't contact my high school English teacher about this. She would simply roll her eyes at you.

Activate the Android Power Strip

The single most important feature in Android 2.1 is its built-in power strip widget. Here, you're able to quickly disconnect all the phone's battery-destroying features, like Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and the Great Batter Killer that is GPS. Long-press on the screen and install it via the widgets category

Adding Folders

Got a bunch of apps that you think are really important but don't have room on your home screen for them? Don't fret. Folder them. Long press on the screen where you want your new folder and make it happen. You can also rename the folder after you create it. Simply open the folder and long press on the folder name and you will be prompted with a rename dialog. Pretty simple.

Android Dictionary

This is such a useful feature it ought to be screamed about via a sticker on the phone when you take it out of the box. If you've been laboring through life with a difficult-to-spell surname, type it once into your Android phone's text field - then long-press on it in the suggested word field. This adds it to the dictionary, so you'll never have to type more than the first couple of characters of your stupid name again.

Dirty Word Recognition

You're now able to swear at your phone, and it'll know about it. Google's allowed rude words to be interpreted by its voice-to-text tools in Android 2.2. Go to Settings > Voice input & output, then deactivate the 'Block offensive words' checkbox. Handy if your late night web browsing requires explicit terminology and hands-free operation, for whatever reason.

Swype vs. Type

Are you a single finger pounder when you reply to a text or email? Are you good enough to type with both thumbs? Well, regardless, with Swype, you don't do either. You do just what it is. Swipe the text. It is really cool as this is one of the features that I use to text, email, search my phone etc. instead of finger pounding the keys to make a letter or character appear, you simply drag your finger over the keyboard across the characters that you would normally use to create the word. And Viola! A word. Don't sit here and let me ramble too much, so go get it. Swype is preinstalled on most new Android devices, but for me, I had to download the beta version for my Incredible (http://swypeinc.com/myswype.html). It takes a little practice, but once you have mastered Swype, you won't want to go back to the finger pounding.

TechRadar: 50 really useful Android tips and tricks

Swype: Text Input for Screens

From Insight…

Announcement of new International Director of Leadership Training

After 3 years of outstanding service as the International Director of Leadership Training, Dave and Kathy Orr have decided to step aside. They are an outstanding couple and have brought great leadership and innovation to the GWRRA Leader Training Program. Few members know the amount of time and personal sacrifice a couple gives in carrying out the duties of a GWRRA International Program Director. Dave and Kathy have unselfishly given of themselves to this program and the Members of GWRRA. Dave and Kathy have also played an integral role in assisting with the selection of their predecessor. They have demonstrated by example how to conduct a smooth and seamless transition of leadership ensuring program integrity. They are an exemplary couple and I know that I speak on behalf of the entire International Team when I say it has been a pleasure and honor serving with Dave and Kathy. Please join Lori and I in thanking them for their service to GWRRA.

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Paul and Cheryl Brosher appointed as our new International Director of Leadership Training.

After a thorough interview and selection process conducted by myself, the International Team, and with consensus given by Paul Hildebrand CEO and Founder of GWRRA, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Paul and Cheryl Brosher as our new International Director of Leadership Training. Paul and Cheryl have been extremely involved in GWRRA. They have dedicated 23 years of service to the Members of GWRRA. Their passion is Leadership Training and have continuously served in leadership positions of this program for 11 years. Paul and Cheryl are a delightful couple, team oriented, and have an excellent working relationship with those they have served with.

Please join Lori and I in welcoming Paul and Cheryl as the new International Director of Leadership Training.

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Editors Desk *the ramblings of a lunatic mind…*

"I'll have my article pulled together in no time."

Well, we've just made it through the busiest time of year. Shopping, visiting, family and friends in and out of town, whew! Not to mention all of the cooking, baking, and eating!

Old traditions are fun to repeat, and the annual Dec. Red Lobster dinner was a welcome few hours to relax during the busy season. Our VA-E Christmas Feast was beautifully decorated by our Christmas Carols…Lucas and Hays, and enjoyed by about 58 friends, old and new. Santa stopped by for a while, and there were plenty of children for a proper welcoming committee, supplied by grandparents Dan & Martha Jo, Joe & Shelia, Jim & Bev, and Charlie & Ellen.

Finally, our New Year's Day breakfast at Golden Corral, with very nice riding temps, unlike the very windy and frigid Red Lobster dinner.

It's time to get this thing out for consumption again, and I'm a bit tardy this time, for a few reasons. Some are technical, likely due to my lack of technical, and it also looks like we need to get all of our contributions to our 'Buzz' in to me by the end of the month. That should make it easier to publish by the weekend of the team meeting.

Dannie Hays stepped up big-time this month, with a terrific article. The question is, where are the rest of you??? Don't you want to play? I've received a lot of feedback on the Dec. issue, 99.9% positive…mostly described as …fun. If you enjoy reading it, then help keep it going with a contribution…my wish, my goal, my reward, would be for ***everyone*** *to have had a part in this by 8 or 9 issues. Don't be intimidated by Dannie's article, his will be hard to match…*

the editor

Long, Long, Long Trip Report

The View from the Front…. Fact or Fiction
North Carolina Edition

It's September, and a few guys are ready for another breakfast run, and as usual, I'm the only one who knows where we are going. For several years now, these guys have followed me for days out of state, with little clue where we are going or how we are going to get there. They must be crazy.

It's calling for rain to the north, so Sunday breakfast will be in the Boone or Mt. Airy, NC, depending on how well we can keep on schedule. Last month in West Virginia, we stayed on schedule easily. I usually figure in a plan B, in case we need to shave time. However, I'm going to have to start figuring in a plan WL (with Larry). His parents must have been boringly patient.

The players this time will be myself…aka the Instagator, on the dark green 1500; Gordon….aka Chucky, on the light green 1500; Butch…aka the Slayer, on the Candy Red 1500; Frankie…aka the Chromed One, on the Chrome (with a little bright blue) 1800; Bob….aka the Old Wise One, on the Silver 1800; Danny….aka the Hillbilly, on the beige 1500; Mike….aka Pony tail (PT for short), on the Dark Blue 1800; and Larry….aka Sexy, on the Dirty Red 1500 (soon to be Bob's Silver 1800).

We begin with breakfast Friday at 6:00 a.m. at the Culpeper IHOP. Jeff has joined us for breakfast, but we can't convince him to call in sick and join us. I tempt him with the chance of scoring 2 more belts in the Goldwing deadlift and becoming an ACE, but he declines. Wait a minute…1-2-3-4-5-6-7…where's the Slayer? Chucky whips out his I-phone to call the Warrenton IHOP and see if…oh wait a minute…here he comes…just running a little late. The Chromed One says he's getting a cold caused by Ice Cream earlier in the week.

We're all stuffed, and we've talked a little too long. I shave a little time by running the Interstates to Salem. We fuel there, clean our windshields, and the Chromed One and Chucky break out the polish. We swallow some snacks, then cross town to 221 south, heading toward Boone, NC, lunch, and the BRP.

The road winds along, then into Floyd County, and the Old Wise One gives us a thorough history of the county, and the town of Floyd, with the County's only traffic light, which only changes on weekends. We continue south, through Floyd and the fore mentioned traffic light, to Independence. The road ramps up steeply to a tee and a stop sign, with a side slope as well. There's a store on the right, with plenty of spectators, and we climb away from the stop sign to the right to continue south to Galax.

The voice from last month in West Virginia returns, telling me over the CB that a Wing has fallen over. I pull over a ¼ mile down the road, with P.T. and the Chromed One. No one answers on the CB, so they all must be off the bikes. Chucky's voice finally arrives over the CB, he wants me to return, as there are broken parts to deal with. We go back, and it seems that a Silver belt was up for grabs. Jeff should have called in sick. Who earned the belt is unclear at this time, as all attention is focused on broken Candy Red fairing pieces. It seems at the time that the Slayer may have scored his 4th kill. I send Chucky into the store for a roll of duct tape, and the Slayer is soon road worthy again. Sexy notes a deduction in the Old Wise One's sales price to him, due to the crushed muffler turndown on the Silver 1800. The investigation will have to wait to another time, we must roll on to Galax.

We make Galax at 12:30, 1-1/2 hours behind schedule, and Chucky must eat. He chooses the KFC. After reducing the chicken population, we mount up. The Chromed One does not go for his polish…odd.

We continue south on 221, fuel up in Boone, and then jump on the BRP. If we make up any time, we can jump on I-40 at Asheville and room in Maggie Valley. If not we'll room in Asheville. There's a sweet southern twang coming over the CB, and an 1800 2-up from Chattanooga, TN joins us. They stop with us at Little Switzerland for what else…ice cream. The IBBC lines up at the restroom, and then it's on to Asheville. Before departure, windshields are cleaned, but the Chromed One still leaves the polish in the saddlebag….something is definitely wrong, and I'm the only one who's on to the polish thing. Everyone notices the Slayer sulking at the sight of his duct tape.

Later in the evening we reach the eastern edge of Asheville. The TN 1800 exits here, as they have a room booked at the Holiday Inn. They offer to see if there are any rooms left for us, but I decline, as I prefer to do it the hard way, and ride the BRP to the western edge of town, closer to Maggie Valley for tomorrow morning. At the last I-40 exit we find a Rodeway Inn and a Cracker Barrel. Sexy warns that the Chromed One is feeling pretty rough. I may have to change is aka to Sherlock.

Pony tail earns his keep, as he has bribed the waitress an ungodly sum of money to call Larry "sexy bald guy: when she takes is order. We have to scrape Chucky off the floor. We enjoy our meal, and the usual tall tales. The Chromed One eats very little of his meal.

I go out early the next morning, it was stuffy in that room, and the A/C didn't A/C. It's nice and cool outside at 5:00 a.m., and I sip on a bottle of chocolate milk. Ponytail comes out a little later, he had drawn me as a roommate in Chucky's room pairing lottery draw. He didn't make all the tiny little quiet snoring noises and mumbling in his sleep like Jeff did in West Virginia last month. In fact, he made no sound at all…zip-zero-nada…. I thought that he might be dead…or that I had gone deaf…fortunately neither was true. PT rode out to find a bank, an ATM I guess

at this hour. That bribe last night must have been expensive….or he's preparing for the next one…..

I ponder my options for today's route. The Old Wise One enjoys Maggie Valley, so I figure breakfast there, at the place that serves it home style-bringing out bowls of food as you empty them. Sexy gorged himself there a few years ago. I need to include an educational destination for the Old Wise One, and the Wheels thru Time American Motorcycle Museum will do. We can catch the BRP on the far side of Maggie Valley, and ride it all the way north to Boone by dark, or Mt. Airy if there's time. With plan B, and plan WL, I'll figure short cuts on 221 just to make Boone by dark.

A quick run down to Deal's Gap and the Dragon might have been possible if we had made it to Maggie Valley last night, or departed extra early this morning, but that's not going to happen. History has shown Sexy to display questionable time management skills on our trips. Besides, I need to keep the route casual, as the Chromed One took no decongestant medicine yesterday, and is certain to be feeling worse. His "Summer Cold" is sinus drainage caused by his unknown allergy to ragweed pollen, which is very high these past few weeks. He'll have pneumonia again by next week.

The Old Wise One and the Hillbilly appear next. Wings are uncovered, windshields are cleaned, and we wait….within the hour Chucky wanders out followed later by the Slayer. Later on the Chromed One shows up, and he's as rough as expected. I suggest rolling Sexy's wing to the backside of the motel, as we all ride over to the gas station to watch, where he can't see us. Instead we wait and at 9:00 a.m. Sexy saunters out, grinning, wrongly thinking that his beauty sleep has made any difference. We really don't want the Chromed One to ride, but he refused to let Delores come get him. After our 30 minute ride to Maggie Valley, our route is due north towards home at 45 mph on the BRP anyway, we'll make lots of extra breaks. I watch as he throws a leg over the Wing….on the 4th try. We stop at the CVS over the hill, and the pharmacist picks out a non-drowsy medicine for him.

We jump on I-40 to quickly make Maggie Valley, as the Old Wise One explains that Maggie was the town founder's daughter….mind like a steel trap. We enter from the northeast and there's a curious smell in the air. As we roll into town we realize that it is infested with….Harleys….thousands of them. Seems they are having an event here this weekend. They're just parked everywhere… It'd be nice to see that many Wings…

That place that we wanted to stop at for breakfast is beyond packed, so we roll down to Joey's Pancake House. It's the largest place in town, and we get in with a 30 minute wait. PT gives the waitress a contribution to her college fund, and she asks what "the bald sexy guy" wants for breakfast. Sexy smiles proudly, as if she was sincere…..several of us notice her throw up in her mouth a little bit.

Someone wants to know the special of the day, and PT is fascinated by the way she says "space-shale." He tricks her into saying it as many times as possible before ordering. The Chromed One eats half of one scrambled egg, and nothing else. He leaves his toast, and passed his ham steak to Sexy. Sexy always cleans everyone's plates anyway, so no one else notices that he's not eating. No fuel in the belly, he'll be tired early today. I'll skip more section of the BRP to allow more time for breaks. It's time to roll out, and the Museum is only a mile down the street.

The Museum is mostly very old Harley stuff, with a few Indians and Henderson's mixed in, along with some old cars. It's a mixture of barn find condition bikes and like new restorations. I prefer the XR 750 Dirt Flat Track section of the 70's and 80's, but there's no mention of Jay Springsteen and his engine tuners revolutionary (at the time secret) "twingle" engine set-up, they've skipped the best part.

We mount up and head for the BRP, and a few hours later we exit for fuel in Asheville. We go to Fatz for a late lunch. PT talks the waitress into giving us a whole plate of calabash chicken for free, "to taste it to see if we like it." Seems she is feeling guilty for backing out of her deal with PT to call Larry "Sexy." The sight of him in boxers and knee high boots must have been too much. The meal is delicious, and the Chromed One sits at the other end of our long table, so I can't tell how much he eats. He still doesn't touch the polish as we mount up.

We've only been on the BRP for a short time, and Sexy wants a IBBC meeting. We make the stop, and PT notes that we've only gone 12 miles. We continue to short stop for the IBBC, then I shamefully need to stop, as my aching bad knee wants me to stand on it for a few minutes. The IBBC takes advantage of the situation. It's time to shave more time, to make lodging in the daylight, and 221 north will do perfectly.

221, parallels the BRP, but runs along the valley floor, sometimes twisting up and over mountain passes. The view is possibly even better than the BRP. The Old Wise One should have known better than this, but the beautiful scenery and awesome road is just too much for him. He waxes poetically about how nice the day is, how great the view is, how good the road is, and how the Instagator has selected the perfect ride. Now I know that I am screwed, and the Slayer warns that the Old Wise One has just put a Hex on me. In no less than 5 minutes, just north of the Little Switzerland Gorge, we encounter milled pavement, up and over one of the passes, at least 10 miles worth. It's got to be a least a week's worth of paving work. The Old Wise One's powers are scary. He is in charge of the weather, and should keep his thoughts there.

We cross Grandfather Mountain and arrive in Boone in daylight. We stop in a Lowe's parking lot to stretch and discuss where we might eat and lodge for the night. The IBBC runs into Lowe's. The Chromed One is moving slowly, and needs to sleep. I think we're all a little tired.

Now the scene looks like a priceline.com ad, with William Shatner insisting that the guy must bid lower. Chucky is on his I-phone, calling all of the hotels in town, negotiating prices for 4 rooms, and Sexy is leaning over his shoulder, whispering "go lower, go lower." Appalachian State has a home game this weekend, so there are no deals, only gouging.

Halfway to Mt. Airy is Wilkesboro, and the new Hampton Inn is willing to deal. The night creeps in as we arrive in Wilkesboro, and PT gets the clerk to ask us to line the Wings up under the front façade, out of the dew. The Harleys will be out of luck tonight, as our 45 degree formation consumes the area.

The Chromed One turns in for the night, and we walk over to the Wendy's for a snack. A CSI type inquest of Friday's incident at Independence takes place, led by the 2 wings that were behind it. After much scientific testimony, the Slayer is not awarded the kill, so his total remains at 3. The Old Wise One has earned his 1st kill, in the oddest fashion possible. However, at the time of this writing, the Silver belt has not yet been awarded, and might not be, as it may have been a group effort to lift the Wing.

In the morning, we snack in the continental breakfast area. There's a pilot in uniform among us, and he says he flies a "Citation (sort of like a Lear Jet)." The Old Wise One joins us, and we sit him with the Citation pilot. There's enough information flowing back and forth to write a technical manual. The Slayer wonders why the Old Wise One can't remember to downshift to 1st gear when stopping on a hill…..

The Old Wise One says that a "good" landing is one that you can walk away from. The Citation pilot says that a "Great" landing is one that you can use the plane again. He's got you on that one, Bob……

The Chromed One pops in, and looks better than he has in days, and is talking. He strolls out the front doors, and I slip over by the doors to spy on him. He walks over to his wing, and looks it up and down….then moves to it's rear…opens the left saddlebag…. Out comes a microfiber towel…and….he breaks out the polish! As he works up a shine on his Wing, birds chirp-trumpets blow-and-Angels sing. At least he's feeling half-human again. I slip back inside and let them know about the polish thing.

The Wings are fueled, and we run the BRP north into Virginia. Mabry Mill will be a good photo op for the Old Wise One, but as we arrive it is packed with cars, so no good photo will be

possible. I stop anyway, and we look over the water wheel and its flume. The IBBC does their thing, and we're on our way.

We later stop for a break at a curious little store, with a motorcycle only parking lot, somewhere south of Pizarro I think. Sexy and the Chromed One start to nap in the chairs on the porch, but we need to move on, as our home arrivals are going to be hours later than planned.

We must part with the BRP to shave time, and roll into Bedford for lunch. Chucky likes the Applebee's that's on his GPS, but there's nothing but weeds at the location it takes us to. In the coming weeks he finally gets fed up with that GPS, and punches it out, wish he would have let me do that.

We find a Ruby Tuesdays, and eat there. PT is up to his old tricks again, preparing the waitress for Sexy. Trembling, she just can't say the words, but on his dinner receipt she draws a smiley face and writes a short note to "Sexy." He proudly displays it and tucks it into his wallet, where it still is to this day, kind of like a preschooler cherishing a valentine. PT notes that she didn't put her phone number on it. Windshields are cleaned, the Chromed One breaks out the polish, and we roll east to Lynchburg. We find an Applebee's about 5 miles down the road…..

We roll north on 29, and stop at Amherst for fuel. The fuel will have to wait, however, as the Chromed One needs to stop at the first restroom possible, NOW. There's a fast food on the left, and he leaves Darrel Green in his dust as he sprints inside. We pick up his riding gear that he shed along the way. Seems that his newfound appetite at lunch was to much, too soon. After 20 minutes, PT goes in to offer him a magazine, and a change of clothes. Still more time passes before the Chromed One returns, but that's OK, we've been mightily amused.

29 takes us north to 64 east, then off at Shadwell and Keswick, running the back road to Orange and then home. We stop briefly at Orange, as the Old Wise One has something in his eye. I suspect it may have been tears of laughter, as we're all still laughing at the Chromed One in Amherst.

The weather has been perfect, and the roads and scenery even better. But it all pales in comparison to the company we have shared, spending the weekend on our Wings, laughing at ourselves, and each other. What more could we want? Well, ok….we wish Jeff had made this one and we wish PT had a CB on his Wing…all of his zings had to be added at rest stops and food stops. He could have added much to the CB conversations. Memo to Santa Claus….hook a brother up!

The Instagator

Hear Ye!

GWRRA MD District WINTERTHING 2011 OCEAN CITY, MD

Hear Ye!

Thou presence is requested at the Castle Clarion Fontainebleau for much royal merriment from January 27th thru 29th the year of our lord 2011.

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Friday & Saturday - Hospitality Room & Seminars
Friday Afternoon - MD District COY Selection
Friday Evening - Renaissance Costume Contest, People Skits, Dance, 50/50
Saturday Afternoon - Chapter Mid-Evil (Wii), Matchbox Race Games, and Rider-Ed Raffle
Saturday Evening - Banquet with Best Table Decoration Contest, a Grand Prize raffle and a "Winner Take All" 50/50!

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Monthly Gatherings *around the District...*

Please contact the Chapter Director to verify all meeting times and locations.
NOTE: We have just updated the Area links for the Chapter locations. See what the locales have to offer.
To download the latest District Chapter and staff listing, click here

Chapter	Area / Location	Chapter Director * Senior CD	Phone Number & Email	Monthly Meetings & WebSite
VA-A	Northern Virginia	Mary O'Connor (11/09)	703-378-3873 e-Mail: maryoc4429@aim.com	2nd Mon. - 7:30 pm - The Ponds Community Center, 9837 Burke Pond Lane, Burke, VA 22151 *Chapter A WebSite*
VA-B	Virginia Beach	Al & Karla Dobbins (1/10)	757-426-6110 e-Mail: karla_cowboys@yahoo.com	2nd Wed. - 7 pm - Village Inn , 313 Independence Blvd. Va Beach, Va. 23462 (Phone: 757-499-5557) *Chapter B Website*
VA-C	Hampton/Newport News	Julie Steele (01/09)	757-898-0735 e-Mail steelesmithj@yahoo.com	2nd Sun. - 7 pm - Angelo's Steak & Pancake House, 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News *Chapter C Website* *Chapter C Facebook*
VA-D	Richmond	Rich & Debbie Bonham (CD) (06/10) NEW	804-748-9025 e-Mail: richardbb@comcast.net	4th Wed. - 7 pm - Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano 14235 Midlthoian Turnpike 804-379-0910 *Chapter D WebSite* NEW
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Gordon Combs (08/10)	540-840-0394 e-Mail: gorcom@msn.com	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm – Golden Corral, Massaponax, Fredericksburg *Chapter E WebSite*
VA-F	Winchester	George & Brenda Tincher (01/09)	571-934-7067 e-Mail: tincherg@comcast.net	4th Sun. - 9am - Golden Corral, 120 Costello Dr., Winchester (phone: 540-667-6329) *Chapter F WebSite*
VA-H	Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker (11/1-)	276-628-6047 e-Mail: 09nellie@comcast.net	2nd Tue. - 7 pm - Abingdon Moose Lodge, US19, Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon

VA-I	Manassas	Leo & Ruth Ellen MacDonald (11/09)	703-368-5093 e-Mail: macdonald's2006@aol.com	2nd Sun. - 9:30am - Great American Steak & Buffet, 8365 Sudley Rd., Manassas *Chapter I Website*
VA-J	South Boston	William & Sandy Morgan (01/09)	434-836-2920 e-Mail: billy1148@comcast.net	2nd Mon. - 7:30 pm - Shoney's, 1016 Bill Tuck Highway (US 58), South Boston *Chapter J Website*
VA-K	Roanoke	Bobby Jo & Durwood Harrison (05/10)	540-890-2890 e-Mail: 2olefriends@msn.com	2nd Mon. - 7 pm - Great 611 Steak Co., 3830 Franklin Rd., Roanoke *Chapter K Website*
VA-L	Chesapeake	Martin Tengowski (08/08)	757-619-4260 e-Mail: martin.tengowski@navy.mil	4th Tues. - 7:00 pm - Zinos Cafe & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake, VA *Chapter L Website*
VA-M	Martinsville	Rocky & Joyce Clark (03/06)	276-632-7215 e-Mail: rockywing@comcast.net	3rd Tue. - 7:30 pm - Clarence's Steak & Seafood, US 220, Ridgeway
VA-O	Williamsburg	Joe Dickson & Karrin Frankie (01/05)	757-872-0690 e-Mail: widetrack48@cox.net e-Mail: foxslady@cox.net	4th Sun. - 5 pm - Belgian Waffle & Steakhouse, 14700 Warwick Blvd., Newport News *Chapter O Website*
VA-P	Charlottesville	Cynthia & Mike Traver (01/10)	434-973-5613 e-Mail: bigredmc@hotmail.com	3rd Sun. - 3 pm - North Garden Fire Station, Rt. 29 North Garden
VA-Q	Covington	Stephen Pendleton (02/07)	540-969-8247 e-Mail: sdp2@meadwestvaco.com	3rd Thur. - 7 pm - Western Sizzlin, 912 Valley Ridge Rd., I-64 exits 16A/B, Covington
VA-R	Harrisonburg	Les & Diane Warren (11/06)	540-377-6282 e-Mail: lesndi@ntelos.net	1st Sun - 3 pm - Golden Corral exit 247A, Rt. 33 E. 2 miles off I-81, Harrisonburg *Chapter R WebSite*
VA-U	Hanover	Dave & Norma Miller (09/10)	804-222-3119 e-Mail: miller.n@comcast.net	3rd Sun. - 3 pm - Ashcake Rescue Squad Bldg., 2501 New Ashcake Rd, Mechanicsville *Chapter U WebSite*

VA-V	Bedford	John & Barbara Harmon (01/09)	540-890-4899 e-Mail: musicman_300@yahoo.com	3rd Sun. - 3 pm - Fellowship Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, 314 N Bridge St, Bedford *Chapter V WebSite*
VA-W	Chester	Bill Martyn & Jennifer Knight (08/10)	804-241-6910 e-Mail: Bill:wmartyn@aol.com Jennifer:willsgirl56@aol.com	2nd Tue. - 7 pm - Pietro Pizza - Italian Rest., 2601 Osborne Rd, Chester *Chapter W WebSite*
VA-X	Salem	Tony & Vickie Ayers (1/10)	540-293-4982 e-Mail: goldwingpa@gmail.com	1st Sat. - 4 pm - Shoney's 101 Wildwood Rd, Salem *Chapter X WebSite*
VA-Y	Leesburg	Bill & Susan Rodgers (01/09)	703-729-0829 e-Mail: gwrravaycd@gmail.com	3rd Sun. - 5 pm - La Villa Roma, Tollhouse Center, 305 East Market St., Leesburg *Chapter Y WebSite*