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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**

2005 COY

**Dan & Martha Jo
Fritz**



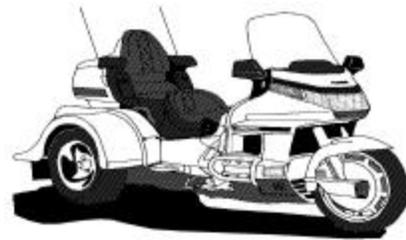
Chapter Director News

Jim & Bev Travis



Summer is well underway and another Tour-de-burg is in the past.

Thirty-five Chapter E members and sixty-four visiting members and friends, joined in to make this years Tour-de-burg a memorable one.



Whoever was put in charge of the weather conditions did an outstanding job. They convinced Mother Nature that we deserved some good weather and she really delivered.

The weather was perfect for our two guided tours (with commentary by our tour leader Gordon Combs) in and around Fredericksburg and through the Chancellorsville and Wilderness Battlefields.

There were plenty of fun and games to go around, lots of prizes to win and of course the award-winning chefs of Chapter E, that astound us with their culinary delights every chance they get (in other words, the food was pretty darn good).

The big winners were: First Place – Keith Lindgren (VA District Director)

Second Place – Tie - Denise Walsh (VA-Z)

- Carol Lucas (VA-E)

Third Place – Sharon Harrah (VA-O)

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Peoples Bike Show and Picnic on the 6th of August at the Presidential Resorts.

See you down the road,

Jim and Beverly Travis
Chapter Directors
GWRRA Chapter VA-E



Do We Ride As Safely As We Think We Do?

This month Gordon has allowed me to write this column. It's far from profound but I hope it's helpful to someone.



I try to expose myself to anything that will make me aware of how to become a safer rider. One of the things I do is read “technique” books on riding. This month’s column was inspired by such reading - I just finished The Police Rider’s Handbook to Better Motorcycling. (Published in the UK where they drive on the wrong side of the carriageway, er road, so you have to translate as you read.) There is one recurring theme in this book: Ride in such a way that you can “*stop on your own side of the road within the distance you can see to be clear.*” As I read this sentence in chapter after chapter, I was reminded of a previous time I read similar words in another book or article. The concept was not new to me even back then; I suppose it was taught to me first in the MSF Basic class and I know its nothing new to you. As I read this “obvious” stuff I gave it a hearty mental assent. After all, the logic of the idea is almost unassailable: if you can stop before you collide, you won’t collide. On my next ride down my favorite near-by road, I graded myself – could I, at all times, stop on my own side of the road within my sight distance. The hazards I was conjecturing were things like cars in my lane stopped to turn left – easy stuff – not unpredictable hazards like deer or other animals or an oncoming car unexpectedly swerving into my lane. What I found on this self-imposed test surprised me. I found even for the easy stuff I was not riding as safely as I thought I was. In particular, I was rounding some gentle but blind corners with only the assumption that my path would be clear as more of the road ahead was exposed to view. Ditto for some hill crests. I didn’t judge myself to be blatantly reckless but I expected to ace the test and didn’t. You might try this test yourself on a road you ride often (you knew an exhortation was coming, didn’t you?). If you always know what fixed things (decreasing radius turns, potholes to be avoided, etc.) are coming next, you may find you are taking for granted that certain variable things (stopped cars, pedestrians, etc.) will not pop up unexpectedly. You might find you are too relaxed. It costs you nothing to try this and you may become more aware of when and by how much you are “hanging out” as you ride. You have to be honest with yourself about what exactly you can do at 50 (or 40 or 30) MPH and a 30 (okay, 20 or 10) degree lean angle if a stopped car came into view part way around the turn. In the ERC there is an exercise on emergency stopping while cornering. The technique practiced is fine at 15 MPH – get the bike upright and brake hard. Of course, at 50 MPH if you get upright you are headed into the woods (or worse) so that won’t work. How many of us practice quick stops at speed while leaned over? I don’t and I’ll go out on a limb and say most of us don’t.

Doing so without professional guidance/instruction is probably a recipe for an unnecessary crash. So, I don't really know how much sight distance I need when enjoying a good turn. I do know it's more than I need in a straight line and I've learned even that's more than I thought it would be. (By the way, you have been diligent in practicing maximum braking stops at the speed you usually ride at, haven't you?)

For me, the value of making it a practice to critically evaluate my own riding as just described is to keep me from being complacent and too relaxed. Forewarned is forearmed. I still take some calculated risks but by recognizing when I'm doing so, I'm likely to be a little more attentive and, therefore, safer.

My exhortation to all of us is to remember and practice the basics. In the 3 years or so that I've been a member of GWRRA VA-E, I've heard of at least 3 accidents of staff members from other chapters. In each of these cases (if I've been told the facts correctly), the rider was not doing anything on the edge. Rather, he allowed some lapse in an obvious, basic riding technique. Sobering.

My thanks to Gordon for letting me give this a try. Gordon has been good for my ego and I thank him for that too. Just last weekend he gave it a big boost. I participated in the dinner ride to Cobb Island. I arrived at FMS about 5 minutes after the appointed meeting time so there would be a big audience and then I staged a little magic trick I've been working on where it appears I drop my bike while parking. Gordon fell for my sleight of hand hook, line, and sinker. If you don't believe he could be so easily taken in, see his article about the dinner ride in this issue of the newsletter – although I won't see it until you do, I'm sure he will report this optical illusion as fact.

Larry Gray.

2005 Chapter Couple Dan & Martha Jo Fritz



As many of you know, or maybe you don't know, Dan was involved in a motorcycle accident a few weeks ago. Martha Jo has been busy taking care of him and working and so in light of this (and a little editorial purgative) I am just going to say that I'm sure that they would all want you to come to the All Chapter's Picnic on July 23. I'm sure that if there is a way Dan will be there. Keep him in your prayers.



DISTRICT & REGION NEWS



FIVE-HEART BAR RECIPIENTS - According to the June 2005 issue of *Wing World* magazine, Jim Travis (CD of VA-E - Fredericksburg) is the recipient of a 5-Heart Bar for recruiting.

NEW REGION N EDUCATOR NAMED NATIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - GWRRA Region N Rider Educator and Former VA District Rider Educator Cundiff Simmons was named National Educator of the Year at Wing Ding in Ft. Wayne, IN. Cundiff was also the recipient of the Region N Educator of the Year Award in 1998. Congratulations to Cundiff. He is very deserving of this great honor.

RICHMOND RIDE FOR KIDS® A HUGE SUCCESS - Over 550 participants turned out for the 3rd Annual Richmond Ride for Kids® in support of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Fdn and raised a whopping \$81,600. The day was beautiful, the ride through rural backroads was fantastic, and the kids were terrific. Mike Seibert (participant with VA-D) was the 2nd highest fundraiser, Chris & Kathy Hooper (VA Asst. District Dir.) were the 4th highest fundraiser, Cycle Conn. of VA (owned by MT & Mary Swift of VA-D) was the largest dealer fundraiser, and Chapter VA-D was the 3rd largest club fundraiser. District Director Keith Lindgren won the Honda 250 Rebel motorcycle given away at the Celebration of Life.

NEW REGION N COY SELECTED - "Boots" & Phyllis Streetman (TN District COY) were selected as the Region N Couple of the Year at the Region N Rally at Maggie Valley, NC. They will participate in the 2006 COY selection process at Wing Ding in Nashville, TN. Sam & Kathy Straughn (VA District COY) participated in the selection process and were very strong contenders. We know they gave it their all. We appreciate their dedication and efforts and know they would have represented our Region in a superior manner.

VA-E COY HAS MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT - Dan Fritz, who along with his wife Martha Jo are the Chapter Couple of VA-E (Fredericksburg), was involved in a motorcycle accident on Wed., June 29. A 91 yr. old man turned left in front of Dan without warning. Dan collided with the front of the car and was thrown through his windshield, hit the car windshield, and ended up in the roadway beyond the car. Dan has several breaks or hairline fractures in his extremities, but is very lucky. He credits his M/C training and protective gear with helping to minimize his injuries. He has been released to home for recovery. Cards may be sent to 2 Colyer Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Please keep Dan & Martha Jo in your thoughts and prayers.

All Chapters' Picnic 2005

Pre-registration extended till Fri., July 15th.

This year, the GWRRA VA District Couple of the Year and all the VA Chapter Couples will be presenting the All Chapters' Picnic on Sat.,

July 23 at Dorey Park in Richmond. The event will be catered, so you must be pre-registered to be guaranteed a meal. As usual there will be the "Chapter Challenge" with the winning chapter receiving preferred seating at Rally in the Valley Banquet & Closing Ceremonies. There will be games, contests and an auction. You don't want to miss out on all the fun.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birthdays

Dan Fritz	2
Julie Combs	6
Rufus Moore	13
Karen Kestner	21
Alex Nelson	29
Anthony Nelson	30



Anniversaries

Larry & Kathy White	18
Warren & Debbie Carter	21

On Saturday, June 18th, a group of us gathered for a dinner ride to Captain Johns restaurant at Cobb Island. Ray & Kathy, Larry, Frankie & Deloris, Lloyd & Mary, Ron & Linda (in a car because they were wingless), Ed & Wanda, Julie and myself met at FMS and departed for Cobb Island. As we were heading down Route 206, I heard a strange but familiar voice come over the CB radio. As we turned onto Route 301 there it was. We could hardly believe our eyes. Jim & Bev were on their trike waiting for us. They quickly fell into place and away we went. When we got to the restaurant, Ed and Wanda had 2 friends waiting. (If you're keeping count, that's 7 bikes and 2 cars.) But wait, what other mode of transportation awaited this gathering of friends? Lo and behold, Harlan, Sharon, a grandson, Tony and Tracy all came in... on their boat and docked at the restaurant. We piled into the upstairs room and proceeded to order and eat. Now an interesting tidbit... How many shrimp can a 6 foot plus man eat? If you do not know, ask Larry. He ordered the all you can eat shrimp, and I can attest that his waitress lost a number of pounds going up and down the stairs to bring him little paper trays of shrimp. Actually, I kept up with him till the last tray. I also heard a rumor that Linda was quite adept at putting away some seafood that day. Anyway, we all had a great time and left with very full bellies. We'll see you at this month's dinner ride. Till then, Ride your Ride & Protect your Hide. Gordon



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Only in America.....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke!

Only in America.....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

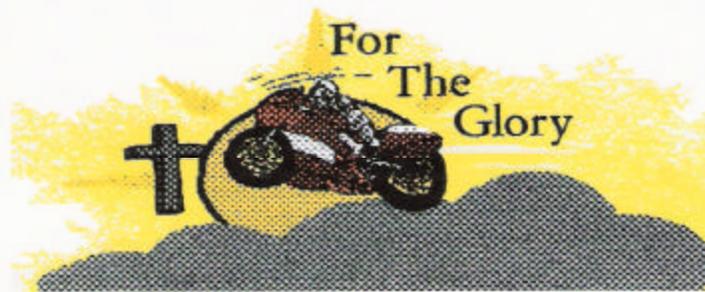
Only in America.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America.....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

Only in America.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering

As many of you know, I have been the newsletter editor for several (I don't even know how many) years. I have enjoyed doing it and have learned a lot. However, it is time that I give up this position. I can't seem to devote the time that I use to on it and so have let many of you down lately. For this reason, I will be stepping down as newsletter editor at the end of this year. I am looking for someone to take over this position. I will be more than willing to help anyone get started and "show them the ropes". I have all the needed software and information. This has been a wonderful, fun time, but as with anything it is time to move on and let someone else step up. Anyone interested please contact myself or Jim. Thanks for all your help, encouragement and support. Kathy



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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. July 16th – Ch. Z (Culpeper) Pass the Pig at Rappahannock Roadside Park-Sperryville
2. **July 20th – Ch. E (Fredericksburg) Chapter Meeting**
3. July 23rd - All Chapters Picnic 2005 – Dorey Park – Richmond
4. July 27 – Hearing on Don Morgan Insurance Claim-Louisa County Courthouse 9:30am
5. July 30th – Ch. U (Hanover) Hanover Wayside Poker Run
6. **Aug. 2nd – Ch. E (Fredericksburg) Staff Meeting-Dynasty Buffet**
7. **Aug. 6th – Ch. E (Fredericksburg) Peoples Bike Show and Picnic**
8. Aug 11 – 14 – West Virginia’s “Waller in the Holler”
9. **Aug. 17th – Ch. E (Fredericksburg) Chapter Meeting**
10. Aug. 20th – Ch. O (Williamsburg) Casino Picnic at New Quarter Park
11. Aug. 25 – 28 – Kentucky’s “Blue Grass Blast” in Paducah, KY
12. **Aug. 27th – Ch. E Pot Luck at Butch & Nancy Groves @ 4:00 pm**
13. Aug. 27th – Ch. A (Northern VA, Burke) Poker Run
14. Aug. 28th – Ch. Q (Covington) Fund Raiser



It is with deep sorrow that Chapter E has lost a former member and dear friend, Cherie Nunnelee. We were informed of this tragedy on June 30. As many of you know, Cherie and Ric were former Chapter E members as well as COYs. Rhys was born when they lived here and became a “child” to the entire chapter. She will be missed by all but will be in our hearts always. Please keep Ric and Rhys in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

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Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed? !
Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
Why are they called "apartments" when they are all stuck together?
If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



Chapter E 6 Week Planner JULY and AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 10 Ch. I 10 am	Jul 11	Jul 12 Ch. W 7 pm	Jul 13 Ch. B 7 pm	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16 Ch. Z Pass the Pig
Jul 17 Ch. U 2:00 pm Ch. Y 5:00 pm	Jul 18 Larry/Kathy White	Jul 19	Jul 20 Ch. E 7:30 pm	Jul 21 Warren/Debbie Carter Karen Kestner	Jul 22	Jul 23 ALL CHAPTERS PICNIC 
Jul 24 Ch. O 5 pm	Jul 25	Jul 26 Ch. L 7 pm	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29 Alex Nelson	Jul 30 Ch. U Poker Run Anthony Nelson
Jul 31	Aug 1	Aug 2 Ch. E. Staff Mtg. 7 pm	Aug 3	Aug 4 Jesse/Dot Baldwin	Aug 5 Joyce Mitchell	Aug 6 CH. E PEOPLES BIKE SHOW & PICNIC Ch. Z 3 pm Carol Lucas
Aug 7 Ch. R 3 pm Sandy Renner Greta Scott	Aug 8	Aug 9 Ch. H 7 pm Ch. W 7 pm Martha Jo Fritz Brenda Karhan	Aug 10 Ch. B 7 pm	Aug 11	Aug 12 Butch Groves	Aug 13 Ch. G 3 pm
Aug 14 Ch. I 10 am Ch. F 4 pm	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17 Ch. E 7:30 pm	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20 Ch. O Casino Picnic