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CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

June 2009



Hello to all my GWRRRA Family and Friends. May 2009 has gone and June is here with more rain than we received in May. I personally welcome the rain because it continues to keep my grass green that I freshly planted this year. I must admit that the rain has curtailed some of our riding however we have gotten some good riding in thus far.

Iwould like to talk about an eye opening experience I encountered on Saturday June 6, while on our way to Chrome World (Selbyville, DE) and down through the Eastern Shore of Virginia. At first I do not want to divert any attention away from our Chapter Educator but I think this is an important subject he taught us a few months back. It is in reference to the visibility of our HELMETS. I for one like to be color coordinated when riding my bike and any other time when in the public's eye. In other words my bike is black and so is my Helmet. For each bike I've ever owned and for each bike my wife has ever owned, we have either bought a color matched Helmet or had the Helmet painted the same color as the bike.

There were twelve motorcycles leaving from WaWa's on Route #17. We pulled out at approximately 8:20AM. We divided into two groups of six for safety purposes. I brought up the rear as the Drag Bike for the second group. What I had never realized or observed was important information taught to us about the amount of VISIBILITY you have when wearing a WHITE HELMET vs any other color. Greg Kestner was the Lead Bike for the first group and because of his WHITE HELMET I could see him clearly along with three other members in his group who also wore White Helmets. As I witnessed this I focused more on other helmets as to their visibility and found that they blended in with the surrounding décor and weren't nearly as visible, although because of the size of the Goldwings, I could see the bike and riders. I had planned on buying another helmet at Chrome World and I did, well you know the rest. I still plan to be color coordinated however, I realize that I don't have to have everything the same color and will concentrate more on VISIBILITY. Because of the expense of my Old Helmet, I will not dispose of it, but will wear it less. I ask you to observe the difference in Helmets while on your bikes or in your four wheelers.

Now that I have talked about a serious subject let's talk about the fun part of the trip. There is always the jovial part of the trip when we stop and eat, be it a meal or just having some Ice Cream. We stopped for breakfast in Maryland and upon dismounting our bikes I didn't know how important it was to have the Front Wheels evenly positioned when parked. I was approached and was told that my bike was out of order, but since I was the last bike to park I didn't think about lining it up with the other bikes. After all there was something more important calling my name saying "Come and see me right now and hurry" yes it was the rest room!! While ordering our food it seemed that the waiter was in a hurry to serve us. Here's why I say that. For each order given the waiter would move to the next person before the order was complete, at least on our end of the table. We found it to be quite hilarious the way he moved from person to person but he didn't make any mistakes on the orders. Thinking that we would run out of gas, some of us learned that we can go farther on a tank of gas than the bikes indicates which was good, thanks to Greg. As we traveled farther into Maryland we lost Jill & Dawn who stopped for gas but we thought they had gotten off to end their journey with us. There is nothing like having a CB to communicate. After buying Safety Chrome and almost ready to leave, we saw them pull into the parking lot. I think everyone in the group was surprised to see them and apologized for the misunderstanding. But it was good to see them safely at Chrome World. I look forward to many more journeys to buy Safety Chrome. Some members came back using Route #301 into Maryland and some came back using Route #13 over the Eastern Shore through my hometown (Accomack County) and over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel into Norfolk. The weather was excellent the entire day with a small drizzle which lasted all of three minutes. The temperature was in the 70's. Who could ask for more?

I look forward to riding more with my GWRRA Family and Friends.

As usual, Tina and I are willing to serve and assist when and wherever needed.

Sly Savage

Chapter Director VA-E

CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS

GASSING UP?

Get Off!



The tank is running low so you pull into a service station next to a pump. Down goes the kickstand. The next few things you do could save your life.

1. Turn off your engine

If gasoline were to spill as you bring the nozzle to the tank or as a result of overflow or as you take the nozzle out of the tank, you risk setting it ablaze. You should be concerned not just about a hot engine or exhaust pipes but also any electrical system.

2. Take your helmet off

If your helmet is on you cannot determine if a fire has started as easily as you can without it and, particularly if the helmet is attached to the bike with an audio system cord, you cannot evacuate the area quickly should a fire be detected.

3. Get **OFF** your motorcycle

For some reason this step seems to be ignored more often than any other. Maybe it “looks” good. Maybe it’s just too much work to get off when you’re tired. Whatever, putting fuel into your tank while you’re straddling the bike is dangerous! If there is a gasoline spill your crotch will get wet. Then what do you do?

4. Take off both gloves, then eliminate static by touching the filler cap with one hand and the pump hose with the other.

5. Fill the tank, but **not to the top**

Gasoline expands as it warms up. Some gas tanks are not sealed units and if you fill them to the top they can easily leak.

6. Keep your ignition switch in the **off** position any time your filler cap is off your tank. Especially do not use your CB .

Remember, fuel in your tank is a good thing. Fuel on your bike, on your clothing, or on the ground can be an extremely bad thing!

Take the time and patience to fuel your bike safely. The rest of your group and/or the car behind you can wait.

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Submitted by Bob Dorminey

CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



Greetings E Team Members !!!

On Saturday, June 6th, 13 of us set out for Chrome World on 11 Wings and one noisy Harley. In attendance were Greg, Gordon, Butch, Frankie, Larry W, Tracy & Ketreice, Sly, Tim, Jeff and 2 new members, Jill (along with her friend Dawn) and Larry S. We rode as a group to the east side of Easton where we stopped for a great breakfast, then off to Chrome World. Some of us purchased very little this time out, but a couple of credit cards were put to use (Tim and new member Larry S.) After shopping, we split into separate groups and headed home. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful trip with good friends.

On Sunday the 7th, Frankie, Greg, Gordon, Butch and Nancy headed down to the Richmond Ride for Kids to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. This year's event brought in over \$117,000. While Nancy worked registration, the boys helped with parking. Then it was off to ride and each one of us had a VIP child or a sibling ride with us. Afterwards, we caught up with Karen and had a nice lunch. You really should come out for this event next year, you will not be sorry.

Below is an article from the National MED Newsletter. I thought it to be enlightening.

“A Silver Lining”

In last month's Membership Enhancement Division Newsletter, we reported that the Region Couples of the Year would be staying at the Crown Plaza while attending Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa. Due to circumstances beyond our or GWRRA's control, it has been necessary to find other housing accommodations for the Region Couples, the current International Couple of the Year, and the Couple of the Year Coordinators. In making changes in the accommodations, it became necessary to place the Region Couples at different locations. To make matters worse, the Region A Couple of the Year, Bob and Cathy Singley, was the only Couple assigned to a location away from the other Couples. How could this be I thought? I was ready to “JUMP UP AND DOWN”, “COMPLAIN”, “GRIPE”, and “THROW IN THE TOWEL.” I just knew Bob and Cathy would be upset and disappointed. Linda told me (she knows best) we needed to call the Singleys and talk with them about the situation. After researching what had happened and why it was necessary, to change the accommodations we telephoned Bob and Cathy. After expressing their first thoughts of disappointment, Cathy made a statement that changed my whole outlook on the situation. She said they started looking for **“A SILVER LINING”** in this situation. She went on to point out all of the positive aspects of being assigned to the other location. She spent more time explaining the positive things rather than dwelling on the negative. I thought to myself, **what a great attitude, outlook, and example** that we all should follow. It was very obvious that they were not going to let a small problem stand in the way of their **FUN, EXCITEMENT, and JOY** of representing Region A as their Couple of the Year.

What do you do when things don't go your way? Probably like me, “JUMP UP AND DOWN”, “COMPLAIN”, “GRIPE”, or “THROW IN THE TOWEL”. Why can't we all follow Bob and Cathy's example and look for **“A SILVER LINING”** in all

problems and difficult situations? Why do we give up the **FUN** and **EXCITEMENT** we experienced when we first joined GWRRA and a local Chapter because things don't go our way?

There is "**A SILVER LINING**" in all situations, we just have to stop and look for it and remember we are in GWRRA for the FRIENDS,"**FUN**", SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE.

From The Directors

Below you will find every ride/event we have scheduled between now and the end of August. We would love to see you out at any of these events. If you have any questions, please contact me.

06/17 E Team General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

06/20 Tour De Burg

06/21 Chapter U Hanover meeting & ice cream social (details to follow)

06/27 Maintenance Day at Dorminey's Dwelling

06/28 Parking Lot Practice

07/07 Staff Meeting @ Vinny's 7 pm

07/15 E Team General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

07/18 Pork, Peanut & Pine Festival Ride (details to follow)

08/04 Staff Meeting @ Vinny's 7 pm

08/19 E Team General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

Please check these websites:

www.battlefieldwings.com

www.gwrrava.org

www.region-n.org

www.gwrra.org

Looking forward to time spent with my E Team family,

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Established
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Staff Meeting	3	4	5	6 Ocean City Chrome World Ride
7 Richmond Ride For Kids	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Chapter Meeting	18	19	20 Tour De Burg
21 Chapter U Hanover	22	23	24	25	26	27 Mainte- nance Day
28 Parking Lot Practice	29	30				

MEMBER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



- 04 Jim & Bev Travis
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- 23 Butch & Nancy Groves



- 10 Mike Lucas
- 14 Michelle Randall
- 15 Howard Jones
- 17 Norman Butler
- 17 Renee Best
- 21 Debbie Carter
- 26 Alec Kestner
- 27 Andrew Clark
- 29 Ted Odle

STAFF MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH MEET AT 6:00 PM TO EAT MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

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2312 Plank Road
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405



Visit with us for our Chapter Meeting
The 3rd Wednesday of each month
DYNASTY BUFFET - FOUR-MILE FORK
Meet at 7:00 pm to Eat
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

Goldwings Needed for Triathlons

Rides 1-4 are finished thank you to all who participated.

5. Sunday August 2, 2009: 7:00 – 11AM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Mountain Run Lake Park -9642 Mountain Run Lake Road – Culpeper, VA 22701
Race Starts at 8AM – 16 Mile Bike
6. Saturday October 3, 2009: 9:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna Beach Marina – 349 Pleasants Landing Road – Bumpass, VA 23024
Race Starts at 10AM – 24 Mile Bike
7. Sunday October 4, 2009: 9:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna Beach Marina – 349 Pleasants Landing Road – Bumpass, VA 23024
Race Starts at 10AM – 12 Mile Bike

Notes:

1. All events pay \$50/bike. Lunch/food will also be provided if you can wait until the first runners come in.
2. If you could be onsite 1 hour prior to the race starting for orientation and placement that would be great.
3. Some folks will have officials on board; others will lead out the first cyclist, follow the last cyclist, or patrol for mechanical/safety issues.

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

Greg

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**JUNE 20, 2009
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GUIDED TOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE**



**TRACTOR PULL
& OTHER GAMES**



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DOOR PRIZES

STARTING TIME: 9:00 A.M. LUNCH 12:00 P.M. AWARDS 1:00 P.M.

DIRECTIONS:

TAKE ROUTE 3 WEST FROM I-95 OR RT 1. APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES FROM I-95 TURN LEFT ON OLD PLANK ROAD, TURN LEFT AT STOP SIGN ONTO CHERRY ROAD. MOOSE LODGE IS ON THE LEFT

POC SYLVESTER SAVAGE CELL: 540-379-8708

ADULTS \$10.00 COUPLES \$18.00

CHILDREN 7-12 - \$4.00

COY'S OUR GUESTS

Hey Gordon and Everyone!

Jill here to thank everyone who attended the ride this last Saturday to Chrome World. As a rookie with many years of riding experience, wing experience, but little in the way of group riding I appreciate all the help and support conveyed to me on this ride.

I told Gordon I learned a few things on my first group trip, so I thought I would share them.

1. I don't often have time to ride with a group, but I have to say that on quite a few occasions, I would be riding with the rest of you and think THIS IS REALLY AWESOME!
2. Learn the sign for "I need GAS".
3. Don't ever **assume** that you will remain with your group for an entire ride. So always carry a map.
4. Then don't **assume** that the final destination will actually answer their telephone in case you do get lost.
5. And last but not least, don't **assume** that if you ever do find the actual town of the location that you are trying to find, that anyone in said town knows what or where you are talking about.

Hopefully you see a pattern.

:)

Seriously folks, my guest rider (not riding a Goldwing) needed gas prior to our arrival at Chrome World, so we waved our group to continue on and stopped for a refill. **NOW see items #3 through #5.**

We did finally get there with I think 13 minutes left to shop so we abruptly parked and ran inside.

I just wanted to thank all of you for a really wonderful experience. And like I said I learned a lot. I appreciate our welcome and introduction to the group, the comradeship and the company.

One thing I don't have to **assume**, I KNOW. Goldwingers ROCK!

Hope to see you again soon.

**Jill A. Hartzell
GWRRA Member
Battlefield FAN!!!!**

Spill proof Gold Wing . . .

It Didn't Lose a Drop!!

My '88 God Wing proved to be spill proof!

When our beautiful Virginia weather changes from winter ice to summer hot, the Wing generally needs to be washed after every ride. Often the best or only, time to do the washing for me is first thing in the morning the following day.

While enjoying the last half of my second cup of coffee one morning, I began the morning washing ritual. I set my coffee on the right rider floor board and proceeded. As with most mornings, time got away from me and if I didn't hustle, I would be late for my appointment.

I traveled approximately 20 miles, going through residential areas and on a dual-lane highway, banking on curves as usual and up to the speed of sixty-five miles per hour. My coffee was totally forgotten as I enjoyed my morning ride.

Upon reaching my destination, I parked the Wing and noticed my ceramic coffee mug still sitting on the rider's floor board! It appeared to still hold my last half -cup of coffee--without a drop missing!

I have always boasted just how smooth my Wing rides, but now I have PROOF!

As always,

Ride Safe

Mike Lucas



June 12, 2009

It's Not Too Late to Participate in the Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia

Over 500 motorcyclists have already registered to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of 'Virginia is for Lovers' by cruising the highways of Virginia and you can take part in the fun too!

The Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia is a partnership between the Governor's Motorcycle Advisory Council, the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association, and the Virginia Motorcycle Dealers Association, with support from the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

For your \$25 registration fee, you will receive a tour t-shirt, ride pin and passport that highlights 58 tourism destinations, including motorcycle dealerships and attractions throughout the Commonwealth. Your riding objective is to visit as many sites as possible, accumulating passport stamps along the way.

Should you gather all 164 points, you will receive a special ride jacket and will be included in a drawing for these grand prizes:

- 2 Season Passes for Virginia International Raceway 2010 (a \$700 value)
- 1000 Watt Generator – from Fredericksburg Motorsports (a \$600 value)
- California Sidecar Factory, Nellysford - \$500 Gift Certificate
- Cash Award \$500 (Dr Pepper)
- Wintergreen Resort, Nelson County - 2 night stay for 2

If you collect at least 100 points, you will be included in a random drawing for these prizes:

- Burcham Cycles, Colonial Heights - \$75 Gift Certificate
- Burcham Cycles, Colonial Heights - \$75 Gift Certificate
- Burcham Cycles, Colonial Heights - 3-in-1 Riding Jacket (a \$225 value)
- Champion Motorsports, Sterling - \$75 Gift Certificate
- Champion Motorsports, Sterling - \$75 Gift Certificate
- Coleman Powersports, Woodbridge - \$75 Gift Certificate
- Colonial Harley-Davidson, Colonial Heights - \$250 Gifts
- Dale Coyner - Open Road Outfitters, Herndon - Set of Motorcycle Travel Books
- Doubletree Hotel, Richmond - 2 night stay for 2 with breakfast each morning
- Dr Pepper - Cash Award \$250

Dr Pepper - Cash Award \$150
Dr Pepper - Cash Award \$100
Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg - 2 night stay in King Executive Suite w/breakfast for 2
Holiday Inn Select, Richmond - 1 night stay for 2 w/ Sunday brunch for two
Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort, Newport News Round of golf for 2 that includes free use of
golf cart
Manassas Honda-Kawasaki-Suzuki - \$75 Gift Certificate
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Marriott City Center, Newport News - 1 night stay during a weekend
Natural Bridge Resort - 1 night stay for 2 with dinner & breakfast + 2 tickets to the Bridge
Patriot Harley Davidson, Fairfax - \$150 Gift Certificate
Shenandoah Harley-Davidson, Staunton - \$100 Gift Certificate
Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton - 1 night stay with breakfast for 2
Tucker Rocky Distributing - 1 set - Dunlop Qualifier Sport Radial Tires
VA Beach Convention Center - 2 night stay at Ocean Beach Club with passes
to Imax and Aquarium
Waugh Harley-Davidson, Orange - \$75 Gift Certificate
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Registration is open until September 1, 2009. Just go to www.motorcycleva.com
download the form, complete it and mail with your \$25 registration fee (payable to VHTA –
Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia) and mail it to:

VHTA – Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia
2101 Libble Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Questions? Contact Diana Boxey at (800) 552-2225 or Diana@vhta.org

Get started on your self-guided tour today! You have until November 1, 2009 to complete your
adventure.