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CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

MARCH 2009



To my GWRRA Family I bring greetings from the Savage household in this month of March. The old saying that March has come in like a Lion and the fact that we are in dire want of riding our bikes doesn't make us happy Gold Wingers. Although we cannot complain about bad weather this winter, we sure can hold many conversations about the cold weather that hasn't been experienced in more than five years.

As a recap of this month's activities I will focus very little on Wingless Weekend because I know that much of what we did and classes we took has been mentioned

in previous conversations and also at our General Gathering. In the beginning of February Tina and I enjoyed driving to Williamsburg for Wingless but enjoyed being with friends that we hadn't seen since last year's Wingless Weekend. I can only encourage anyone and everyone to attend classes as we travel to any event that GWRRA puts on. As I attend rallies, I try to attend at least one class that strikes my interest at the time, however it is not a thing I take lightly but one that is needed as I try to ride safe on the streets of the city, highways and back roads. These classes make me realize how much I don't know or take for granted when riding my bike, but once I take a class, it rejuvenates my sense of safety and responsibility while riding my bike and the need to assist those who may not know or do not practice safety.

We as Gold Wingers have so much to be thankful for because we have reached adulthood and for the best part without any serious ailments or health problems. I personally was impressed with the information given to us at our last gathering about Ride for Kids by Mike Seibert. As we look around us and see so many young kids with serious illnesses, it is a blessing to know that our organization (GWRRA) participates in rides to assist organizations for children who have incurable illnesses, both financially and physically to help find cures for them. This year I have committed myself to ride in as many rides for kids as possible because I know that if it wasn't for organizations like ours who give kids rides on our motorcycles and the giving of donations really gives kids joy if only for one day and something to remember for a long time.

I've been very impressed with the attendance at our gatherings. With the economy in such grave condition, I know that sometimes we question whether or not to participate in the gatherings, dinner rides, 50/50 drawings and many other things, however, as a TEAM we can continue to be successful and make Chapter-E the best chapter in the district. As I ponder on events, rides, chapter meetings and you as the best supporting group I've ever been part of, I have much to be thankful for. I ask you to keep up the good work and when you see someone riding a bike, talk to them about GWRRA and the emphasis we put on Fun, Safety & Knowledge.

As usual, we (Tina) and I are willing to serve and assist anytime wherever needed.

Sly savage

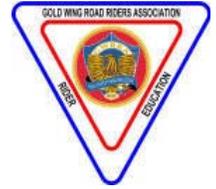
Chapter Director

CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS

RIDER EDUCATION

PRECAUTIONS WHILE TRAVELING ...

...In An Armed Land



A Canadian recently posted the following message in which he expressed his concerns about traveling on his motorcycle in the United States:

"As a group of us are planning a trip through Washington, Oregon, and California along the Pacific Coast and further inland in May, (without any guns and only a small knife to cut our BBQ'd steak.) Are there any precautions that we should be taking or places that we should avoid?" The question was asked in good faith. Though this is not a particularly exhaustive answer to the man, I posted it here because I believe it expresses sufficient 'pearls' that some readers might avoid a very dangerous situation as a result to having read it.

For as long as I've been riding (almost 40 years) I have been aware that many of my riding buddies travel with a gun somewhere on their bikes. Only recently has the practice of some been to carry the weapon within reasonably easy access, particularly some of the women—in 'fanny packs'. Almost always they are carried safely stowed away in their luggage.

Let me make it clear that it is legal in about 28 States to carry a concealed handgun, provided you are licensed to do so. Most applicants for those licenses over the past year have been women. But it is illegal to carry a concealed gun without a permit in every State other than Vermont. Nevertheless, the fact remains that they are everywhere.

In nearly 500,000 miles of riding I have NEVER seen a motorcyclist show a gun IN PUBLIC, let alone threaten to or actually use one. At campouts I have seen them transferred into tents for the night, and on hiking trips I have seen them holstered (in plain sight of all of us, but away from the public. In other words, it is reasonable to assume that traveling motorcyclists in the USA are carrying a weapon, and this is not new news. Now I'm not talking about members of some motorcycle gang, I'm talking about ANY motorcyclist who is out on the road—from school teachers to judges. Certainly not all of them, but you simply cannot know which do and which do not carry a weapon.

Are there precautions to take? Certainly!

- Do not get into an altercation with a biker.
- Do not threaten a biker
- Do not touch a biker's machine without permission. (Not likely to get you shot, but bad form)
- Do not believe that ONLY biker's are carrying weapons! Virtually every cab driver, every long-haul rig ("18-wheeler") driver, MANY private automobile drivers, and MANY MORE pickup-truck drivers are also carrying weapons. In other words, assume they all are.

Since you are now advised that you should assume that virtually anybody you encounter on the road is carrying a weapon, then it is obvious that these precautions apply at all times, not just when bikers are around. What this leads to is the often quoted (in Texas) conclusion that "an armed society is a polite society."

Finally, and this might strike you as being totally in jest - it is not!

- If you can't keep from using a one-finger salute when angry, consider amputating your middle fingers!

At least in the USA most bikers treat other bikers like family. You avoid confrontations, generally, with family. Right?

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Article by James R. Davis

SUBMITTED BY: BOB DORMINEY

Postcard from the Grays



Well, Sylvia snuck one past me when she sent a newsletter piece to Diana without my knowledge last month. I would not have objected if she had simply stuck to the facts but she didn't. I'm sure not all of you were taken in by her fabrications of my trying to get surfers to wear life preservers but maybe some of you were. Let me state unequivocally that I have never even considered telling surfers to wear life preservers while surfing. Water wings and ski belts, certainly; cumbersome life preservers, never. I hope that settles it for those of you who wondered if I'd lost my marbles.

Some of you may think we are here having a great time. We've had some fun but Sylvia and I were just wondering why we each had such a long face. We decided to list the pros and cons of being here and the reason for our long faces became crystal clear. See for yourself:

PRO	CON
Daily low temp: 70°; daily high: 80°	No VA-E friends
Sunny every day	
Pleasant breeze every day	
Beaches, beaches, beaches with eye candy for both genders (according to others; neither Sylvia nor I notice such things)	
Beautiful ocean sunsets viewed from our living room	
Restaurants with any cuisine imaginable just a walk away	
Historical and other sites to visit	
Etc, etc.	

Wish you were here.

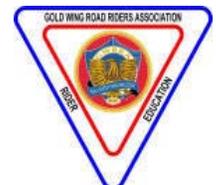
Larry

PS: Just got this note from Bob Dorminey. He must be an old surfer and he points out some things I'll have to include in future talks to Great Wave Riptide Riders Association members.

Hey Larry:

I'm sure by now you have instructed all the surfers in Hawaii in a BSC (Basic Surfing Course) which emphasizes on the necessity of always wearing a Coast Guard approved life vest while participating in this popular activity. Also the importance of checking one's "board" for any cracks, loose scag, or any other defects which might impinge on its optimum operation. Once the beginning surfer understands which end of the board goes in the front, its time to consider an ESC (Experienced Surfers Course). By this time I would expect that the surfer has demonstrated a basic understanding of how best to avoid drowning. Of course I suppose with the use of an approved life vest, the ability to swim would not be mandatory. Periodic monitoring of the surfer's mental competence and judgment should, however, be an ongoing requirement. I could go on but you get the idea. Everyone back here in Virginia is eager to learn how your new role as HSE (Hawaii's Surfing Educator) is working out for you. If you're too busy to respond, perhaps Sylvia can keep us at Chapter E abreast of your progress. She was the first to bring your award winning concern for safety in all things to our attention. An update from Sylvia could even be the Educator's Article for our March newsletter. I think that would be a most interesting and much talked about article!! Let me know if she's agreeable, and if so, she can send it directly to Diana.

Keep up the good work, Bob



CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



Greetings "E" Team Members!

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

03/14 Spouse Appreciation Dinner @ 3 PM

The address to the Adult Living Center has not been input into the data system yet, however it is 6304 Mill Creek Dr. The directions are as follows:

Take RT# 208, Courthouse Rd to Courthouse Elementary school. At the Traffic Light is Foster Rd, make right turn on Foster Rd. You will drive approximately 100 Feet and on your right is Mill Creek Dr.

Make Right Turn on Mill Creek Dr and the Adult Living Center is the first building on your Left.

Please come prepared to have fun and serve your spouse/Girl Friend.

Don't forget to bring HER, and what you want to serve her. Also if you would like to present her with something special, A Rose, Poem, Song, Prayer, Diamonds, Thank You Note, An Apology for Something You Did Wrong etc. Feel free to do so. We just want to have Fun, Fun, Fun.

Sly Savage

Chapter Director

03/18 E Team Social @ Dynasty Buffet

03/21 Mature Rider Seminar-details to follow

03/22 Dinner Ride to Clearwater Grill @ 2 PM (details to follow)

04/07 Staff Meeting at Vinny's 7 pm

04/15 E Team Social @ Dynasty Buffet

04/18 Mystery Dinner (details to follow)

04/19 ERC Class @ Germanna – Karen only has a waiting list at this time, please email Karen at kgkestner@erols.com to be added.

04/25 MS Walk (details to follow)

05/05 Staff Meeting @ Vinny's 7 pm

05/09 Dinner Ride to Presidents Park (details to follow)

05/20 E Team Social @ Dynasty Buffet

06/02 Staff Meeting @ Vinny's 7 pm

06/06 Ocean City / Chrome World Ride

06/07 Richmond Ride for Kids

06/17 E Team Social @ Dynasty Buffet

06/20 Tour De Burg

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Looking forward to time spent with my E Team family,

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 STAFF MEETING	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 LADIES NIGHT DINNER 3 PM
15	16	17	18 GENERAL MEETING	19	20 	21 MATURE RIDER CLASS
22 DINNER RIDE CLEARWATER GRILL 2:PM	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



MEMBER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



March

- 20 Mike & Carol Lucas
- 20 Jonathan Newman & Marla Kennedy
- 22 Bob & Ella Dorminey
- 28 Gordon & Julie Combs



March

- 04 Emily Russell
- 10 Joe Pittman
- 14 Anthony Davis
- 15 Ed Hoferkamp
- 15 Carrie Seabrook
- 16 Sly Savage
- 20 Bob Dorminey
- 21 Eva Hayes
- 22 Greg Kestner
- 23 Josephine Butler
- 23 Steve Jaeger
- 27 Lloyd Messner
- 29 Lou Mitchell
- 29 Theresa Zino

STAFF MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH MEET AT 6:30 PM TO EAT MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM

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Visit with us for our Chapter Meetings the

3rd Wednesday of each month

DYNASTY BUFFET - FOUR-MILE FORK

Meet at 6:30 pm to Eat

Meeting begins at 7:30 pm



COOKIES IN A JAR

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup all purpose flour $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Baking powder
 $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. Baking soda $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. Salt
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup granulated sugar 1 c. semi-sweet milk choc. Chips
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup. Packed brown sugar 1 cup quick cooking oats or old fashioned oats
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Reese's Peanut Butter Chips, Hershey's Premier White Chips or
Hershey's semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips.

Stir together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a small bowl.

Layer the ingredients in a 1 quart glass canister or jar in the following order (from bottom to top); granulated sugar, the 1 cup chocolate chips, the brown sugar, flour mixture, oats and peanut butter chips. Tap jar gently on the counter to settle each layer before adding the next one.

Cover, attach baking directions (See below) to jar.

BAKING DIRECTIONS: Heat oven to 375°. Empty contents of the jar into a large bowl. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (1 stick) softened butter, 1 slightly beaten egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. Stir until well mixed. Drop dough by heaping teaspoons 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Makes 2 dozen.

SUBMITTED BY: KAREN KESTNER

Goldwings Needed for Triathlons

1. Saturday April 18, 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
2. Sunday April 19, 2009: 9:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna Beach Marina – 349 Pleasants Landing Road – Bumpass, VA 23024
Race Starts 10AM – 12 Mile Bike
3. Saturday May 9, 2009: 6:00 – 1PM (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna State Park – 6800 Lawyers Road – Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Race Starts at 7AM – 56 Mile Bike
4. Saturday May 9, 2009: 8:00 – Noon (4 Motorcycles Needed)
Lake Anna State Park – 6800 Lawyers Road – Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Race Starts at 9AM – 18 Mile Bike
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

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DAN FRITZ, ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR, CELL: 540-903-2897.

Sharon & Tony Poulakowski Crowned Chapter E 2009 Couple of the Year



Tony & Sly played games at wing-less



Nancy Groves received a gift from Karen Kestner!





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