



**GWRRA
Region N**



**Chapter E
Fredericksburg, VA**



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**2006 Couple
of the Year**



Ed & Wanda Hoferkamp

**Chapter Meetings
3rd Wednesday of the month
Dynasty Buffet
10911 Courthouse Rd
Eat at 6:30 PM
Meet at 7:30 PM**

Ramblings From the Chapter Director

March and April just blew by. Our chapter has been out and about, and over this time period we captured both the district and region plaques. Our April meeting was a very highly attended event as we had three chapters visiting from North Carolina and one from Tennessee, all in search of the Region N plaque. Our visitors from Kingsport, Tennessee, chapter TN-C, edged out the North Carolina contingents by a few miles and were the lucky recipients of the region plaque. The region plaque will be available to another chapter at the Roan Mountain Steakout on 20 May 06. Maybe we can get it back in time for Tour De Burg if at least two other chapters have it after TN-C.

Chapter VA-R showed up in force from Harrisonburg to capture the Virginia District plaque. Seventeen members, all on two wheels and a trike or two, showed up to get the district plaque, which will be available at their Country Roads Poker Run on 6 May 06.

I don't know that the restaurant staff has seen so many people crammed into our meeting section. I'm sure they appreciated the business.

Our dinner rides to Paradise Diner in March and Carlos O'Kellys in April were well attended events. I think Gordon was sweating a little with only 12 people confirmed for Carlos O'Kellys, but we ended up with at least 36 attending. Gordon has been doing a fantastic job getting people out to our dinner rides. We look forward to seeing all of you soon because the next few dinner rides will be somewhere outside the Fredericksburg area so we actually have a chance to ride our bikes.

Our ride to Chrome World ended up with 17 bikes going to Delaware for the day. We left in the dark with cool temperatures and the

rain coming down. Thankfully the sky lightened up after we got a few miles up I-95 because visibility was terrible for the first 30 minutes or so. The rain lightened up a bit when we stopped for breakfast in Easton, MD, and by the time we made it to Chrome World, the sun was out and temperatures were into the 80s. We split into three groups on the way home and each group took a different route through Maryland before coming across the 301 bridge back to Virginia. Fortunately we didn't get back too early as this allowed the afternoon thunderstorms to blow through Maryland before we got to the bridge.

Maintenance day turned out to be a wet one, but we still had Larry Gray, Jim Bass, Butch, Dan, Keith and Mike Nelson showing up on bikes. Some of our bikes were still drity from the Chrome World ride, but Gordon had his looking like it just came off the showroom floor. His garage was just as immaculate until all the wet bikes showed up and pulled inside. The potluck afterwords was small by VA-E standards, but the food never disappoints and everyone went away full, or it was their own fault. Our thanks to Gordon and Julie for opening their home for Maintenance Day and our upcoming yard sale on 6 May 06.

Our parking lot practice was a great chance to hone our skills with ERC-like exercises. Greg, Gordon, Larry Gray, Dan (in the TriCar), Ed, Lloyd, Butch, and Mike & Keri had fun practicing our skills. Ray, Wanda, Karen, Julie and Martha Jo came to watch and cheer us on. Greg then set up some cones to try a tight figure eight that would be easy to do if you were riding a tricycle, but did not look designed to be ridden by a GoldWing. He successfully navigated the cones a few times, Larry Gray came very close to staying in the cones, and Gordon decided one try was enough. The rest of us had fund just watching.

Tour De Burg is just around the corner and we are trying something totally new this year. No poker hands, just some good old redneck games. Come on out to try your luck and see if you can beat a redneck. I believe our tractor pull may be a GWRRA first.

Mike & Keri

Couple of the Year News

Hello everyone, we hope you had a great time this Month, the windiest month of the year. Some days it was warm and sunny and others were cold and dreary. We had planned to visit some Chapters this month and enlisted other members to join us. Dan and Martha Jo came with us on the ride to Chapter I's meeting. Chapter I had the District traveling "Wood", we met Bob Dorminey there also. Chapter W was the winner of the Traveling "Wood" with over 40 members making the ride from Chester, Va.

After the meeting we planned on attending the meeting in Winchester, but the cold and inclement weather caused us to abort this ride while at our rest stop in Sperryville. Our plan was to ride the Skyline Drive to Front Royal but due to the cold temperature and the threat of rain we decided to cancel and return Home. Later we found this to be a wise decision, heavy rain was reported on the Skyline Drive during the afternoon. A great day is one that ends safe for all participants.

On the 25th we along with many others attended Larry and Gordon's group riding seminar at the Salem Church Library. Larry and Gordon presented the latest approved method for safe riding in a group. This is very similar to the Road Captains course in the past. It was very informing and very well presented, Great Job Gordon and Larry.

After the class we along with 8 others attended Chapter W Poker run. Seven of us used 4 wheels and three members rode bikes. It was pretty chilly that day but the food warmed us well as Joe Bowles of VA W had provided a large pot of Brunswick Stew, it was good and that along with the deserts warmed us up for the prize presentation to follow, The winner of the poker run best hand was, Lloyd Messner, pretty hard to beat "4" Fives.

I think Lloyd really enjoyed the trip.

Even though it was a overcast, windy and cold day the turn out was pretty good, you see Chapter W members had traveled long distances to secure both the District plaque and the Region plaque, better known as the "Wood", and this made this an event of great interest, to see who would be taking home both plaques. Now the WINNERS WERE, CHAPTER O went home with the District plaque and CHAPTER E carried home the Region plaque. This is the first time Chapter E has captured the Region plaque, nice going Chapter E. LET'S GO WEE TEAM - KEEP THE SPIRIT GOING

We along with Ron and Linda and Lloyd and Mary visited Chapter A1 meeting as we continue to visit as many Chapters as possible this year.

I apologize if I missed any one, chalk it up to "Half timers" if you know what I mean.

Ed and Wand Hoeferkamp
Candy Apple Red Wing
March 2006

Guest Chapter Director Corner

Chapter P Charlottesville

Hi everyone, this is Johnny & Betty Haney, Chapter Directors for Chapter P in Charlottesville. Thank you Mike & Keri for allowing us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to your Chapter.

Betty & I joined GWRRA in 1993 and that's when we really started riding motorcycles as a couple. I started like most guys, riding dirt bikes around the neighborhood, progressing to street bikes as I got older. We've made many friends over the years and love riding our 1988 Goldwing Trike.

Betty and I have been married for 37 years (Dec06) and have two grown boys, some grandchildren and some great grandchildren. Betty is self-employed, owns and operates a small, but busy cleaning service; she enjoys cooking, scrap booking, and working in the yard.

Johnny (that's me) works for the Albemarle County School System as an Inventory Technician. I like to read, work with the computer, play a little golf and eat Betty's cooking.

We have been Chapter Directors for over two years; this is our third year now and have found it to be very rewarding although demanding at times. When we step down next year we look forward to more leisurely visiting & traveling.

Chapter P is a small, but active chapter, we meet on the 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm at the North Garden Fire Dept. in North Garden and invite you all to come and visit with us, Keri said I could put a plug in for our Chapter and that was it. We look forward to the upcoming riding season and hope to meet and greet you

all in the coming months and years ahead. Oh! I almost forgot, our Primary Fund Raiser, May20th, in Charlottesville, Poker Run & Food included with Registration, come on out.

Be Safe, Ride Safe

Johnny & Betty Haney CD's VA-P
Monticello Proud Wings



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Bike Week 2006 Daytona Beach, Florida

On the morning of March 6 I had my Goldwing and Buck's (a friend of mine) Kawasaki crotch-rocket loaded in my trailer and we both headed south for Daytona Beach, Florida to attend Bike Week. Good thing we were in the car because the last 50 miles of Virginia and all the way through N. C. were filled with hard, cold rain. When we left it was in the 40's and the temperature didn't really start to get any warmer until we got into S.Carolina. We stopped over night in Brunswick, Ga. and the temperature there was in the 70's. The next morning, Tuesday, the temperature had dropped again into the 50's and the wind had picked up. Once again we sure were glad to be riding in the car. We arrived in Daytona around noon, unloaded the bikes and went for a ride, but for some reason I felt like I was still in Virginia...it was still cold!! I met up with Buddy and Marie, friends from New Jersey and we talked about

going to dinner but it was just too cold and windy. We postponed it until the next night. The rest of the week was fairly nice. A little windy on Wed. but not too bad. Friday night we had tickets to the Super Motocross Races. That was really interesting. Saturday morning we loaded the bikes up and headed for home. We listened to the news before breakfast and heard that the motorcycle fatalities so far that week were up to 13. My understanding now is that the overall total was 19. I called back here and talked to Kathy and Joe and it was a shame that I went all the way down to Daytona to ride in some nice weather and it was warmer up here than it was in Daytona. Your on the spot reporter,

Ray Hitt
Endless Ride

HOT BEAN SALAD

Crumble & fry: 1 lb pork sausage
Brown: 2 chopped onions
¼ cp chopped green pepper

In large casserole dish combine:
Large can Baked Beans
Small can Green Beans
Small can Lima Beans
Small can Yellow Beans
Small can Red Kidney Beans
(Drain juice from all of cans of beans except baked beans)

Mix:
2 T. mustard
½ cup ketchup
1 small can tomato paste

Add to bean mixture. Add sausage, onions and peppers. Mix well. Cover with strips of bacon.

Bake 350 degrees for 1 hour.
Kathy O'Neal

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Chapter E has long been known for their practical jokes and good natured teasing. Let me take the liberty of recounting a few examples.

At Christmas a few years back, Keri Nelson was given a make shift port-a-potty for her to use when she went camping at Rally in the Valley. This was awarded to her due to her discovery that paper cups were not good receptacles for warm water. The previous October, some time during the night, Keri put warm water into a wax coated paper cup while she and Mike were camping in a tent at the Salem Civic Center. The warm water (about 98.6 degrees) caused the wax to melt and the paper then dissolved. The next morning, Keri made her discovery from a wet sleeping bag in a tent that reeked of well, use your imagination here. If you need more details of her misadventure, feel free to ask her. After all, she was the one to tell on herself that morning - after she mopped up the tent and showered.

I think it was that same Rally in the Valley when Chapter E sold raffle tickets for a new Hardly A. Davidson. The winner of the raffle was guaranteed to win a new "hog". We had trouble selling tickets as we refused to display the prize and most people were

afraid of buying a pig in a poke. Smart people. When the winning ticket was drawn and the prize was awarded, I don't know who squealed louder - the winner or the prize. The proceeds of the raffle were also awarded to the winner to help insure that that little pot bellied pig, AKA, Hardy A. Davidson, would eat well enough so that some day he would become the hog he was represented to be.

Even our kids get in on the pranks. Sharon Calahan is afraid of snakes. I thought she was going to jump off the side of the mountain when she found one next to the kick stand of her bike. Alec Kestner was brave enough to come to her rescue. After all it was his snake. He was happy to share his rubber snake collection with her - whenever and wherever she least expected it.

Some of our members have been given pet names. Wrong Way Carter just made one little wrong turn. Of course, he was lead bike and no one else followed him. Problem was that he never noticed that his was the only bike that went north instead of south. He couldn't be raised by radio to set him straight. As the story goes, someone had to chase him down to get him turned around. But, he hasn't had anymore problems after Debbie was given her Back Seat Drivers License.

Speaking of licenses. Karen Kestner finally got her Motorcycle License a few years ago. In the process, she earned the nick name of Zipper Leg. An unfortunate mishap during her beginners' riding class resulted in an ugly gash and numerous stitches on Karen's leg. It was months later before she could complete the class and get her license. Thanks to this pet name that Frankie gave her, which allowed Karen to laugh about the whole episode, a possible wound within the chapter was averted. Karen proudly wears her pet name on her vest and the zipper looking scar on her leg. She has gone on to become an MSF instructor for both the beginners' and the experienced riders' courses at the same school where the incident happened. Hopefully, she has learned how to get out of the way of new students on run away bikes.

Gordon answers to numerous pseudonyms after a trip he made with several friends to Deal's Gap last year. Queasy Rider, Sir Chucks-A-Lot, Dagon's Puke and just plain Chucky are just a few of the names he has acquired. It seems that he rode Deal's Gap four times in one afternoon. I'm impressed. I get nauseated just riding Rt. 208 in King George County. However, Gordon has tired of the ribbing and has let it be known that he wishes to be known only by his given name. For the most part, the Chapter

has honored his request. But, I happen to know, Gordon, that your good buddies, the ones who were there to hold your head for you, still reserve the right to bring up the matter at any time, as they see fit.

Lastly, we have a few members who are short of stature. They are often asked to stand up, even though they are already standing. Both Carol Lucas and Gordon have been known to just climb onto a chair and laugh along with the rest of us. For Gordon, though, it is a double pun when he is told, "Stand Up Chuck". (I wasn't sure where to put the comma. Would it be, "Stand up, Chuck" or "Stand, Up Chuck"?)

This is all in good natured fun. After all, we only tease the ones we like. But the fun stops when someone is offended. We need to observe a few rules and regulations:

1. Always be sure that the person who is being poked fun at is laughing with you and is not being laughed at. Some people don't care to be teased about something that embarrassed them.
2. Keep in mind that we have children at our functions and meetings. Set a good example for them. Watch both the words that are used and the tone that they are delivered with.

3. A third party may be offended by something they may see or hear us do. We don't want anyone to feel so uncomfortable that they won't come back to our meetings or functions. Therefore, the Golden Rule should always be adhered to: Always treat others the way you would have them treat you. This would include the recipient of your humor as well as anyone who may be observing.

Chapter Educator Larry Gray



Slow Riding

It sure feels good to make a nice tight U turn or other required slow speed maneuver with grace and confidence. I occasionally make a skillful slow speed maneuver when needed but too often I make a spectacle of myself (ask Gordon – on second thought, don't). My skill level is not where I want it to be and I need more practice in this area.

So, what difference does that make to you? Maybe none. But maybe there are enough Chapter E members interested in improving their slow speed skills to make regular practice sessions something that would become self-sustaining fun for our chapter. I'd like to hear from any of you who think slow speed practice is enjoyable and otherwise rewarding. Greg has marked out the Route 17 commuter lot with several skill practice "courses" and if there is interest, maybe we can make more use of the parking lot than we have in the past.

I have GWRRA's Slow Speed Seminar video and the Ride Like a Pro DVD. If there is

interest, we can view these as a group sometime. I found them both worthwhile. Although telling you about them won't do them justice, some of the material in these videos does translate to text fairly well and I'll try to capture a few points here.

Both videos make it clear that you **MUST** look where you want to go. Not where you want to go in the next quarter, half, or full second but where you want to be in the next two, three, or four seconds. I suppose we all know this but it is sometimes hard to do when the curb or an obstacle is in plain sight. Practice makes perfect and what I (and maybe you) need to practice is using peripheral vision instead of central vision for the immediate future.

The GWRRA video is short – 5 minutes tops. It suggests that you ride in first gear with the clutch fully engaged and drag the rear brake. If you need a little boost in speed, you release the rear brake rather than add throttle because the throttle is just too responsive in first gear. This video also includes two suggestions for bike setup. First, it suggests that handlebar height be adjusted such that your forearms are level with the ground when you are riding. I've never adjusted my handlebars but the video shows how (something we can tackle at a maintenance day if anyone is interested). Second, it suggests that freeplay in the throttle be almost completely removed. My 1200 has much less throttle freeplay than my 1500 and I like the 1200 better. I'm going to adjust my 1500 in accordance with this suggestion (I didn't do this before because I figured it was set the way Honda suggested but I'm comfortable trying a change after seeing it in this video).

The Ride Like a Pro video is almost an hour long and it suggests a different technique for slow riding. If you follow its advice, you will ride in first gear, slip the clutch most of the

time, use a higher RPM, and drag the rear brake. If you need a burst of speed, you use a combination of clutch engagement and brake release. I like this technique personally but find that my clutch "chatters" after a few minutes of practice. So, I think I'm going to adopt the GWRRA approach for most of my practice but also spend some time slipping the clutch (in normal riding, the clutch would never be overworked so I want to be proficient at this technique).

I've heard Greg mention a third technique. He is able to slow ride in second gear with the engine just idling most of the time. This is in the spirit of the Ride Like a Pro slip-the-clutch technique in that it avoids the throttle responsiveness a Gold Wing has while in first gear.

I don't think any of these techniques is right or wrong – its just personal preference. Whatever works for each of us is probably what each of us should practice if we think our present skills could be improved. I also suspect that once any of us have mastered any one of these techniques, we could benefit by practicing the others to see what, if anything, they can add to our abilities.

We have a formal parking lot practice session scheduled for April 30th. If I hear of enough interest, we can arrange for more of these or for some less formal practice sessions. One possibility is to meet at the parking lot an hour or so before a dinner ride. I'm sure there are other times that might work out for those interested. Let me know what you think. (If you don't dissuade me, I'm going to schedule the videos I have for our June Saturday-morning-at-the-library seminar.)

Larry

Upcoming Events

May 6 – Chapter Yard Sale

May 6 - Annual Country Roads Poker Run, VA-R, Harrisonburg, VA, Blue Ridge Power Sports

May 7 - Northern Region PR Day, Sperryville, [watch email for ride announcement](#)

May 11-13 - Region N Rally - Hillbilly Heaven, Maggie Valley, NC

May 13 – Bike Show, Chapter MD-I Waldorf, MD, [watch email for ride announcement](#)

May 14 – Mother’s Day

May 17 – VA-E Monthly Meeting

May 19 – Potluck Dinner, Dorminey’s, directions will be posted by email

May 20 - Poker Run, North Garden, VA-P, [watch email for ride announcement](#)

May 21 - Charity Poker Run, Nokesville Park Shelter, Aden Rd., Nokesville

Jun 3 - High Roller Poker Run - Shenandoah Honda, Winchester, [watch email for ride announcement](#)

Jun 17 – Tour De Burg, F [Rednecks](#) Burg Elympics

Jul 3-5 – Wing Ding XXVIII, Nashville, TN

Jul 15 - Pass the Pig – Culpeper

Jul 29 - Annual Poker Run - Hanover Wayside Park, Rt. 301, Hanover

Aug 6 - All Chapter's Picnic - Locust Shade Park, Lilac Shelter, Triangle



June 17, 2006

Tour De Burg

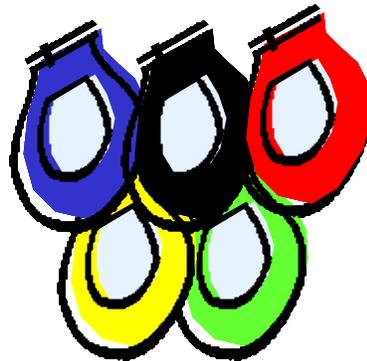
Chapter "E"
Fredericksburg, Virginia



Frednecksburg E-lim-piks

Hurlin' & Tossin'
contest

Spittin' contest



6th Grade
graduation test

Tractor pull

'n more



We'll feed ya

Op'nin Ceremonies 9:00
Eatin 12:00

Awards & Graduation 1:00

Coffee and donuts
if yur early nuf

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 Rd. Moose Lodge is on the left.

Riders - \$10 Co-riders - \$8
COYs don't pay nuthin