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CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

MAY 2009



Hello to all my GWRRA Family and Friends. The spring is here but it really feels like summer. As I write this letter it is 82 degrees out side.

We've had an exciting month of April. Our grass is green, trees are in full bloom and flowers are colorful. Many of us are doing Spring Cleaning and let's not forget that as of today the high Pollen count, which makes many of us sneeze, snort, blow our noses, wipe our eyes and just feel miserable. However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, SUMMER! With warm weather comes many rides on our bikes, travel, beaches, cook-outs, visiting family, and family visiting us. There is so much to be thankful for. Many times we don't think about how fortunate we are.

In April, Chapter-E experienced something different and exciting, MYSTERY DINNER! I must say that I'd never heard of a mystery dinner before Kathy White mentioned that she and Larry would like to host the dinner. After securing Miss Ruth's Restaurant, the date was set and we were underway. Well if you've never been to one, I urge you to ask about it and then experience it for yourself. For those of you who came, there is no question as to how much fun it was. I do realize how much preparation and energy was put into making it a success and believe me, it was. Those who helped in the kitchen were as thrilled to serve as we were. We were thrilled with anticipation as to what we would receive next on our plates. What a job well done! Thanks to Larry & Kathy, Shaneil, Christie & Tina for giving us service with a smile. In fact there was a big TIPPER in the crowd. (\$5.00 for GWRRA). Larry kept a watchful eye over the women to make sure that no one would take an extra interest in trying to enter into the kitchen to see what was going on. He stood Sentry at the door with a wooden stick. With the assistance of everyone cleaning up, it didn't take long for us to remove the garbage and rearrange the furniture the way the complex wanted it. In the end it seemed as if no one wanted to go home as we gathered outside for quite a while still having fun. What a wonderful chapter.

Another event Chapter-E participated in was the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Saturday April 25. It was a very warm day and lots of sun. To see so many people participate in such a meaningful cause was more than a joyous occasion to me, it cannot help but get you interested in participating. Thanks to Mike & Carol Lucas for encouraging Chapter-E to walk, assist and do whatever was needed to help make this walk a success. While trying to count the number of participants I found myself being distracted by looking at people's physical abilities or the determination on their faces to finish the three miles plus. There were infants, toddlers, pre-teens, teenagers, young adults, adults, older persons, and also the very old. I must say that it was easier for some of us as we rode our Motorcycles around checking to make sure that those who walked were ok. We only had three incidents with people getting sick while walking however none of them were serious. Chapter-E had 16 participants.

As a chapter I think we are a step above the rest. It is always so good to gather and have fun. It's time to **ARIDE, RIDE, RIDE.**

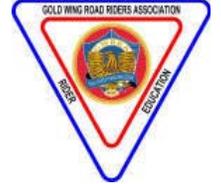
As usual, we (Tina) and I are willing to serve and assist anytime wherever needed.

Sly savage
Chapter Director

CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS

EDUCATOR'S CORNER Submitted by Bob Dorminey

Pre-Ride Briefing for Your New Passenger



Before I let a passenger onto my bike I host a briefing with them. I explain that so long as they are on my bike THEY are the boss – that if they want to slow down, or to stop, for any reason, we will do so. In other words, ***the rider controls the bike while the passenger controls the rider!*** I explain that it is not my intention to scare them, ever, while they are on the bike, but to help them enjoy the experience. In exchange for this there is a price: They have four jobs while riding as passenger, and they must agree to get on and off the bike only with the permission of the driver.

I explain the “passenger twist” where they connect their helmet cord while facing the bike, then do a full turn clockwise so that the cord wraps behind them before they get on the bike. That they get on and off only while I am on the bike, which is in neutral, and have both feet down and the side stand up (this, because if the side stand is down and they plump themselves on the saddle they will compress the shocks and that will lever the bike to the right – possibly all the way over onto its side!) I nod and tell them it is OK to get on the bike when I’m ready for them. I do the same when I’m ready for them to leave the bike. Finally, I ask that when they mount and dismount the bike they try to keep their weight centered on the bike – that they not pull the bike towards them but, rather, push themselves towards the bike.

I explain that while we are moving they can talk to me if they want, but as to moving around, I’d prefer that they pretended to be a sack of potatoes (actually, I tell them they can move about, just not suddenly) – that they NOT try to help me through the turn – that they not lean in anticipation or when we are in a turn.

I tell them that I have never had an accident, but that no matter what happens while we are moving, they are to keep their feet on the passenger floorboards and never, ever, try to touch the ground with their feet to try to hold up the motorcycle. I show them the saddlebag guard rails and point out that they are heavy steel, like “roll bars”, and will protect their legs so long as their feet remain on those floorboards.

Oh, as to those “jobs” they have: (1) Wave at all motorcyclists (2) Wave at all policemen who are on their feet (3) Wave at all children that show any interest whatever (4) Demonstrate to the world that they are enjoying themselves, particularly at all rest stops.

As to my own personal rules while riding with a passenger: (1) the only thing I want to “show off” is that riding a motorcycle can be safe and enjoyable. (2) I wish to challenge myself with the task of trying to shift gears without the passenger being aware of the activity (no head snaps in either direction. (3) I want to start and stop with the passenger never quite sure that we have started to move or that we have come to a full stop – i.e., smoothness all around,

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CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



Greetings "E" Team Members!



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DIVISION
"Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge"

GWRRRA'S slogan for 2009 is "EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"

<p>E - EVERY MEMBER MATTERS to GWRRRA</p> <p>V - Volunteers are the heart & soul of GWRRRA!</p> <p>E - Eventually, when you join GWRRRA...you will become an INVOLVED Member</p> <p>R - Riding a Motorcycle is only the beginning for a GWRRRA Member</p> <p>Y - You will have "FUN" being a GWRRRA Member</p>	<p>M - Motorcycle SAFETY is important to GWRRRA</p> <p>E - Each GWRRRA Member is encouraged to participate in Rider Education</p> <p>M - Members are what makes GWRRRA the world's best Gold Wing association</p> <p>B - Being a Member of GWRRRA will help you grow in KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>E - Education is provided through GWRRRA Membership Training</p> <p>R - Recruiting a GWRRRA Member provides rewards</p>	<p>M - Make FRIENDS with local GWRRRA Chapters close to you</p> <p>A - A GWRRRA Member is a friend forever</p> <p>T - Take a GWRRRA Membership application wherever you go</p> <p>T - Take the Gold Book with you, and you'll never be alone!</p> <p>E - Each new friend will increase your "FUN" as a GWRRRA Member</p> <p>R - Recruit a new GWRRRA Member today</p> <p>S - Share your "FUN" with other GWRRRA Members</p>
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Thoughts on "Recruiting Younger Members"

On March 28, 2009, we participated in the Region D Workshop that was hosted by Region D Directors Ron and Dianne Miller and their staff. The Workshop consisted of Seminars presented by the Division Directors and other Region D Staff Members. The last session of the Workshop was an open forum. The panel was to answer questions on any topic from the more than 200 plus Members in attendance. The panel consisted of David and Kathy Orr, Leadership Training Division Directors, Mike Stiger, Rider Education Division Director, Jim Hall, Rider Education Division Assistant Director, Charles and Nancy Mallett, Motorist Awareness Division Directors, Ken and Rita Moffitt, the 2008 International Couple of the Year, and us, Membership Enhancement Division Directors. We always enjoy participating in these type forums, because as most of you know, I HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS! Of course, Linda does not agree with me on this. After several questions were asked and answered by other members of the panel, we felt things were going pretty good. Then a Member asked the BIG question! He wanted to know how to attract younger people to GWRRRA or how do we get younger people to join the Association? INSTANTLY I WAS IN SHOCK, A RECRUITING QUESTION, ONE I HAD TO ANSWER. LINDA HAD NOT TOLD ME WHAT TO SAY OR HOW TO ANSWER THIS! I stood up and gave them the old "we are getting older story" and that young people could not afford the cost of a Gold Wing motorcycle. Then I asked the audience this question. How many owned a Gold Wing as their first motorcycle? I could see only four hands that went up. Then I asked the audience this question. How many owned another brand of motorcycle as their first bike? The room was filled with raised hands. I went on to point out that almost everyone starts out with a motorcycle other than a Gold Wing. We are the

elite! We have reached the top. We have our Gold Wing. Let's stop and think. If we had never purchased a Gold Wing we would never have experienced the "FUN" and "FRIENDSHIPS" we have found in GWRRA. The other motorcyclist are just waiting until the day comes that they can own a Gold Wing. Think of all the FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE you missed out on by not being a part of GWRRA when you rode another brand of motorcycle. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy by overlooking what's right in front of us. WHERE ARE OUR YOUNG AND FUTURE MEMBERS? They are riding other brands of motorcycles until they can afford a Gold Wing or feel they have the safety and knowledge to ride a Gold Wing safely. Why not welcome them now? Let them in on the "FRIENDS FOR "FUN", SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE". We were all in their shoes at one time. THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF GWRRA.

From The Directors

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Membership Enhancement Division

Team Newsletter

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.

05/20 E Team General Gathering @ 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 General Gathering @ Dynasty Buffet

06/20 Tour De Burg

07/07 Staff Meeting @ Vinny's 7 pm

07/15 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 STAFF MEETING	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 GENERAL MEETING	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

MEMBER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



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

May
04 George & Brenda Karhan
17 Sonny & Kerrie Pratt
20 Tony & Sharon Poulakowski
27 Abe & Theresa Zino



May
06 Althea Davis 06 Christian Taylor
13 Claude Revely Jr. 14 Will Davis
16 Jim Travis 18 Bob Jones
18 Tracy Williams 18 Kathy O'Neal
22 Katreice Williams 24 Sylvia Gray
24 Jessie Baldwin 24 Lexie Hardisty
28 Marcia Kallen 31 Bev Travis

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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

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. Sunday May 10, 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

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COFFEE & DONUTS EARLY

**JUNE 20, 2009
CHAPTER 'E'
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA
TOUR DE BURG
GUIDED TOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE**



**TRACTOR PULL
& OTHER GAMES**



HOT DOGS, SLOPPY JOES & OTHER FOOD ITEMS INCLUDED



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

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ADULTS \$10.00 COUPLES \$18.00

CHILDREN 7-12 - \$4.00

COY'S OUR GUESTS



Bike Blessing May 16, 2009
with "Special" guests present
If you weren't there you really
missed a wonderful time!





??MYSTERY????DINNER?? APRIL 18, 2009