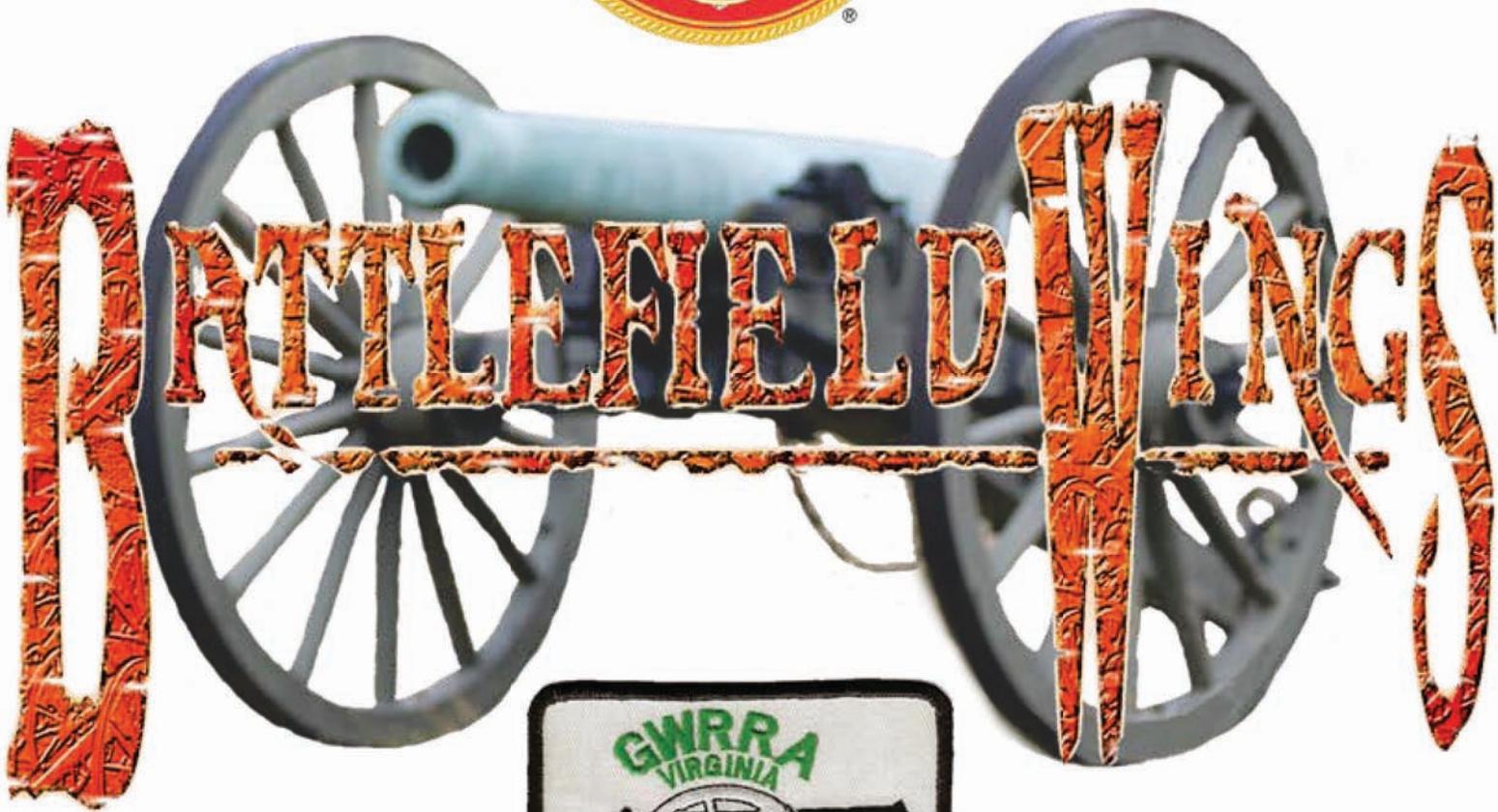
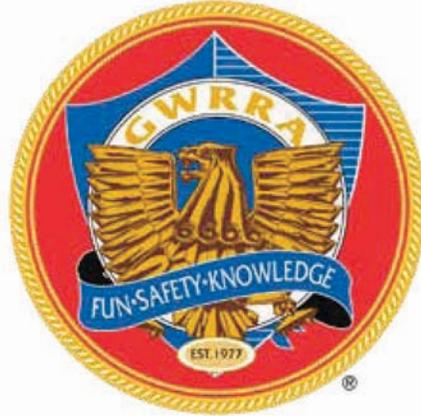


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# CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

**MAY 2010**



**I**t is now time to start riding. As a member of GWRRA do you ever ask yourself do I ride often enough to say "I am a true biker" or does your bike just sit in the garage for an occasional tour around the town. If you own a Gold Wing then you know how they love to PURRRRR down the highway, and what's so unique about them is the more highway you put in front of them, they just seem to love the challenge of conquering those miles so diligently. Are you planning a long trip in 2010 on your wing? If you are planning a trip have you started to prepare you bike and riding gear? Over the winter I have read many articles written in Wing World on how to prepare your bike, riding gear necessities, how to pack your trailer (if you have one) and also what to eat that gives us extra energy that's needed to arrive at our destinations safely and alert. Many times there are those who drink high level energy drinks that give a lift for a short period of time. I have learned from experience that the best source of energy that lasts and is healthy for you is Peanut Butter and also Chocolate. Also if you are riding a long time you should always keep Mints handy as this will give you a sudden burst of alertness. Another thing I've learned from our Technical Advisor (Greg Kestner) is that if you drink plenty of water the day before your trip, your body will store that liquid in a way to assist you in not becoming dehydrated from the heat.

**S**ome of us have already started to ride and visit other chapters in the beginning of our Riding Season. Ex. Gordon, Frankie, Jeff & I rode to Newport News (VA-C) for their Spring Thaw Poker Run. What a wonderful ride. The weather was a little cool going down but as the day progressed we had to come out of all our warm gear and travel back in just our T-shirts and Jackets (of course we had on our pants and boots). Since that time many of our members went on a dinner ride to Smokey Pig in Ashland, VA. That being said, we are looking forward to many Dinner Rides over the summer and some touring as well. Although every member cannot make every ride every time, we try to make as many as possible whether it's on the bike or in a four wheeler.

**A**s we approach the month of May, we're looking forward to Maintenance Day/Bike Polishing and Pot Luck Dinner where we can all just have a grand old time and leave the Smith's home with the necessary maintenance done and also sparkling clean motorcycles. We do not want to forget that while at the Smith's we will also have a Co-Rider Seminar that will be helpful to any and all Co-Riders as well as the person driving the bike. Chapter-E thanks you in advance Charlie & Ellen for the use of your home and garage.

**A**s usual, we are willing to serve anywhere, anytime and are proud to be members of such a great organization.

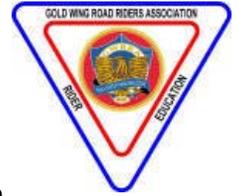
Sly & Tina

Chapter Directors

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# CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS

## Do You Drive Like You Ride?



Actually, I hope not exactly but there are parts of what we do (or should do) while riding that apply to driving and other parts that may not apply directly but that may apply in some sense. Let's think about that.

I believe I'm a better driver now that I'm also a rider. I'm sure you are too. We don't just turn off our heightened awareness of our environment when we get behind the wheel instead of the handlebars. For example, when in your car, left turners probably command more attention now than they did before you became a seasoned rider. We may slack off slightly while driving because the consequences of a crash while in a car are quite a bit different than while on a motorcycle. But, we can all agree we are better drivers because we are riders. Can skill improvement work the other way? The question this month is "Is it possible to drive a car in such a way that our motorcycle riding skills and safety improve? I think so.

When I drive I often find myself not looking as far ahead as I would when riding. And, maybe I don't follow an outside-inside-outside path of travel through curves. But should I? You are probably saying "yes" to the first question (looking ahead) and "no" to the second (outside-inside-outside). I'm not so sure. If we drive entirely different through corners than we ride, mightn't we find our riding getting sloppy sometimes (e.g. After being off the bike for winter months or when we aren't concentrating on technique as much as we should)? Habits are formed and maintained by repetition and destroyed by inconsistency. We should strive for consistency. I know we can't physically move 6 or 8 feet across our lane in a car during corners or we'd be off the road or into another lane. But we can mentally follow an outside-inside-outside path of travel as we drive and we can include 1 foot (or ½ Foot or 1 inch if you prefer) of physical lane position changing to make it real. Is there any reason we shouldn't do this?

What about slowing enough before a curve so we can accelerate through it? I'm working on that in my riding because I have found I don't do it as well as I think I can. Isn't it logical that it will help if I drive with a consistent slow and accelerate technique? Or, what about turn signal use? I am the worst offender here by not using signals as often as I should in my driving and that has leaked over into to my riding. To correct this, it stands to reason I should practice signaling soon and often in whatever vehicle I'm operating. (Pet peeve: Don't you hate the drivers that signal after their turn is almost complete? I'd rather they told me nothing than what I can see they have already started to do.)

Now, I'll admit that practicing countersteering in a car is going to lead to trouble. And I don't see how to practice proper use of 2 brakes in a car. But most everything else in motorcycling has a counterpart in our cars and using consistent techniques in both vehicle types may give us an edge when we need it most. Head checks are just as worthwhile in both places. Smooth operation of all controls is just as worthwhile too. Same for regular use of mirrors. Do you treat these items differently on a motorcycle than in a car?

As always, you may be working on some area of riding that I haven't mentioned. But, consider how you might practice it, at least mentally, when you drive. I don't see any way it could hurt and I think there are convincing arguments that it can help.

Larry

# CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



## MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DIVISION TEAM NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2010

VOLUME 7 ISSUE 4

### Let's Get Started

It's a great time of year! The riding season is beginning in most of the world after a cold and snowy winter. Everyone is talking about warm weather and all of the events they are planning to attend. In reading some of the Newsletters we receive, it makes us want to get out and ride and start having "FUN" and see our friends and family in GWRRA and make new ones. There are so many things to do we just don't know where to begin.

First, we need to remember our motto, "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge". As Rider Education courses teaches us, before we start our summer "FUN" we should consider "**SAFETY**" and check our Gold Wings motorcycles over thoroughly. Our Wings are as ready to come out of hibernation as we are and to enjoy the "FUN" events that are beginning to take place. Plan early to participate in a Rider Education Course.

Next consider "**KNOWLEDGE**". There will be many Leadership Training Seminars available at Conventions/Rallies where you can learn more about GWRRA and how it functions. Let us recommend "How to Have Fun at a Rally". We also recommend that every Member participate in an OCP (Officer Certification Program) Training course if one is available. It is not necessary that you are an officer or plan to become an officer to participate in this program. It will help you learn more about the Policies and Procedures of GWRRA along with other information and tools that are available for your use.

Next consider "**FUN**". We are not going to ask you if you "Are you having FUN?" We are going to ask if you are "Going to have "FUN". Chances are if you have the right attitude, a safe ride, and see friends you haven't seen in a while, you can't help but to have "FUN". It's been said that getting there is half the FUN so by not attending you have missed out altogether. You are the primary source of where your "FUN" comes from. The Region

Directors, District Directors and even Chapter Directors with their Teams work hard to plan, organize and orchestrate a Rally or event where you can go have fun and meet up with your friends in GWRRA and make new ones. Every Convention/Rally is different. They may have similarities, but the activities and people attending are always different.

Next consider "**FRIENDS**". As you travel tell others about GWRRA and the FUN you are having. Give them a Membership application. Remember what attracted you to GWRRA and the Chapter where you participate. If you're not having FUN, get started. Life is short and there is no time to waste. See you at a Convention/Rally or training soon.

**Ed and Linda Johnson**  
Directors  
Membership Enhancement Division

**Gordon Combs**

**Membership Enhancement Coordinator**

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## Your Virginia District Calendar

Month	Day	Type	Event	Chapter or Sponsor
<b>2010</b>				
May	1	P	<a href="#">Ride for Cash</a> - Liberty Fueling Station at the Mauzy Va. Exit 257 off of I-81	<a href="#">VA-R</a>
	21-23	V	<a href="#">Officer Certification (OCP)</a> - No. Virginia	<a href="#">VA District</a>
	22	P	TBD - Bedford	VA-V
June	5	P	TBD - Winchester	VA-F
	6	-	<a href="#">Richmond Ride for Kids®</a> - Richmond Times Dispatch Bldg., Mechanicsville	<a href="#">PBTF</a>
	12	P	<a href="#">Tour de Burg</a> - Moose Lodge, Cherry Rd., Fredericksburg	<a href="#">VA-E</a>
	12	P	TBD - Charlottesville	VA-P
	17-19	-	Down Home Rally - Summerville, WV	WV District
July	Jun 30-Jul 3	-	<a href="#">Wing Ding 32</a> - Des Moines, IA	<a href="#">GWRRA Nat'l</a>
	10	P	Poker Run - Chester	VA-W
	24	P	Poker - Hanover	VA-U
	Jul 30-Aug 1	V	<a href="#">Officer Certification (OCP)</a> - Central / Eastern Virginia	<a href="#">VA District</a>
August	5-7	-	Bluegrass Blast - Somerset, KY	KY District
	14	V	Leadership Training (LTD) Instructor Development / Certification - Central Virginia	<a href="#">VA District</a>
	21	P	Casino Picnic - Williamsburg	VA-O
	28	S	Poker Run - Manassas	VA-I
September	11	P	TBD - Burke	VA-A
	10-11	S	Fall Sprawl - Simmons Farm, Whitestone	<a href="#">VA-C</a>
	23-25	-	Wings Over the Smokies - Fletcher, NC	NC District
October	2	P	Poker Run - Richmond	VA-D
	7-9	V	Rally in the Valley®, Salem Civic Ctr, Salem	VA District
	23	P	Fall Colors Ride - Leesburg	VA-Y
	29-31	V	<a href="#">Officer Certification (OCP)</a> - Central / Western Virginia	<a href="#">VA District</a>
November	6	P	Goldwing Celebration - World of Sports, South Boston	<a href="#">VA-J</a>
	6	-	28th Annual Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Run, Colonial Harley-Davidson, Colonial Heights	<a href="#">Blue Knights VA-III</a>
December	11	V	Leadership Training (LTD) Instructor Development / Certification - Roanoke / Salem	<a href="#">VA District</a>

This is the website that has the listings of all of the VA District Officer listings:

<http://www.gwrrava.org/documents/diststaff121409.pdf>

This is the website that has the listings of all of the VA District Chapters with Directors' names, locations, monthly meetings, etc.:

<http://www.gwrrava.org/Chapters.html>



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2	3	4 STAFF MEETING	5	6	7	8 MAINTENANCE DAY & POT LUCK
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 DAN' STEAK HOUSE DINNER RIDE	17	18	19 GENERAL MEETING	20	21	22 BIKE BLESSING SLY'S CHURCH
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

## 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  
Ledo's Pizza, Massaponax



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



17 Sonny & Kerrie Pratt  
20 Tony & Sharon Poulakowski



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

# CHAPTER STAFF MUG SHOTS

Provided by Tony Poulakowski



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Assistant Chapter Educator



Couple of the Year



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Assistant Treasurer



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Assistant Special Events Coordinators

\*\*Photo provided by Diana Evans

I finally got it together and posted the pictures I took at Wingless Weekend. They're at:  
<http://cid-e7edce3c17ff3ea4.skydrive.live.com/albums.aspx>  
It's an area on the Windows Live website.

Tony

## LADIES DAY OUT DINNER

I would first like to thank everyone for making this dinner a success! This was our Chapter Director's second time having Ladies Day Dinner. The ladies in Chapter E and I would love to give him a great big Thank You. We really appreciate what he and the Chapter E men did for us. We ladies really appreciate how he and the other men presented us with a rose after serving us dinner. This was a special tribute to each wife in the form of lovable words and a rose. We all found out some interesting things about each relationship. There were so many love stories that they cannot be told on paper (you must attend the next year's dinner).

Special Thanks to Wanda, Ellen, Sylvia and Carol Hays for taking time out of their busy schedule to help me setup the Hall for such a grand occasion.

Katina Savage



*Gordon & Julie Combs*



*Larry & Sylvia Gray*



*Elaine & Terry Murphy*



*Ed & Wanda Hoeferkamp*



*Carol & Mike Lucas*



*Carol & Dannie Hays*



*Ron & Linda Hardesty*



*Ellen & Charlie Smith*



*Frankie Chapman & Delores Brown*



*Tina & Sly Savage*

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## ***GOLDWING SUPPORT FOR TRIATHLONS***

**Saturday May 8, 2010:** 6:00 - 1 PM (4 Motorcycles needed)

Lake Anna State Park - 6800 Lawyers Road - Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Race starts at 7AM - 56 Mile Bike

**Sunday May 9, 2010:** 8:00 - Noon ( 4 Motorcycles needed)

Lake Anna State Park - 6800 Lawyers Road - Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Race starts at 9AM - 18 Mile Bike

**Sunday August 1, 2010:** 7:00 - 11 AM (4 Motorcycles Needed)

Mountain Run Lake Park - 9642 Mountain Run Lake Road - Culpeper, VA 22701

Race Starts at 8AM - 16 Mile Bike

**Saturday October 2, 2010:** 9:00 - 1PM (3 Motorcycles Needed)

Lake Anna Beach Marina - 349 Pleasants Landing Road - Bumpass, VA 23024

Race Starts at 10 AM - 24 Mile Bike

**Sunday October 3, 2010:** 9:00 - 1PM (3 Motorcycles Needed)

Lake Anna Beach Marina - 349 Pleasants Landing Road - Bumpass, VA 23024

Race Starts at 10 AM - 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.

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