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CHAPTER E DIRECTOR'S NEWS

November 2009



Hello to all and to all a big Hello. Oh how the months come and go and we often wonder where and what happened during the past month because we cannot recollect many of the non important events or situations that occurred within the past 30 day or so. We are now in November and only have one more month left until the beginning of a new year. Do you ever ask yourself why does the time pass so rapidly as we get older and also when we are having so much fun. Much of the fun we have is attributed to our GWRRA involvement and the vast association of friends that keep on a continued upward trend of happiness.

I will not elaborate much on Rally in The Valley because many of you were there but I will inform you of some of my (our) experiences while attending to make you aware of what to do and what not to do when traveling and or riding your bike.

Tina and I set out to attend RITV at 11:00AM on Friday AM after having breakfast. Normally I drink lots of water but for some reason I didn't have a thirst for that delicious stuff. The temperature was in the mid to lower 60's when we left. As we traveled along RT#29, the temperature continued to rise and we had to take off a layer of clothing when we decided to stop for fuel and to run to the potty. By the third hour of riding Tina had become very warm and tired. We stopped for something to drink (soft drink) and proceeded on our way. I felt ok but very warm as the temperature had reached near 80 degrees. By the time we reached Salem we were HOT. I was so excited about being there I didn't take time to drink anything. We rode to the Civic Center to get our pre-registration packets and headed back to the hotel. We changed our clothes and went back to the Center. While there we had a wonderful time dancing, laughing, seeing friends we hadn't seen since last year's Rally. I must admit I danced a little more than most members and didn't drink water. After the dance was over and I had perspired until my clothes were drenched, I attempted to get on my bike to drive back to the hotel. I almost passed out from Dehydration. I tried a second attempt to get on my bike but felt even more nauseated dizzy. I never realized it was dehydration was happening to me. Because of the Safety Training we receive I knew that I could not ride the bike that night so I had to leave it in front of Dan & Martha Jo's Camper. Thank you Martha and Dan for letting me settle down in your camper. Also, thank you Butch for driving Tina & I back to the Hotel. I will not drag this out any longer. Just as a reminder. Please drink lots of water when you are in extremely warm temperatures and have perspired and you are riding your bikes.

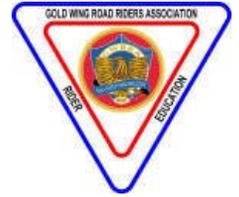
We had our 21st Year Chapter Anniversary meeting and served two delicious cakes. At that meeting we were fortunate to have received the largest Ride Pot ever which was \$181.00. Tina was fortunate enough to win the Ride Pot. Tom Evans asked me about going for an Ice Cream Run after the meeting, I agreed and when we got there Tina decided to treat all members to their choice of Ice Cream, Thanks Tina!

As you know we captured the Virginia Traveling Plaque last month and still have it. Thanks to all who traveled with us to Chapter Y. As you know this was our third attempt to capture it. It pays to be persistent.

Once again, we are willing to assist anytime and anywhere needed. Until then I (we) enjoy our GWRRA Family & Friends.

Sly & Tina

CHAPTER E EDUCATOR'S NEWS



Wet Riding

No matter how conservatively we plan to ride, we are all susceptible to getting caught in the rain. This month, let's review how to deal with it. (By the way, this applies equally to trikes and bikes.)

We have all, I suppose, heard that roads are slickest the first 15 minutes or so of a rain storm. That may very well be the most important thing a rider can know about rain. If you can avoid riding during this period, you'd be well advised to do so. If you are already riding when the rain hits, ride as if you had less than half the traction you have on dry roads, increase your separation from the traffic ahead, lighten up on your braking, and slow more for the corners for those 15 minutes. If the rain is light, it may take much more than 15 minutes to get past this slickest stage.

Once the dust and other contaminants have been washed off the pavement, you can expect to have about 70% of the traction you'd have on dry roads (according to everything I've read in my research on this subject). This assumes your tires are in good shape – they have good tread, are properly inflated, and aren't too old (rubber gets hard with age and a tire 4 or more years old may provide less wet traction). Although you only have 70% of the dry traction, you do have 70% so don't tense up more than is warranted. A tense rider is not a smooth rider. And a tense rider probably doesn't notice things he/she would normally notice and adjust for during a ride.

Another thing to watch for is hydroplaning. If the rain is very heavy or there is standing water, there is a danger of hydroplaning at highway speeds. A hydroplaning tire has 0% traction. A multi-track vehicle (e.g. car, trike) might get away with hydroplaning for a short period of time but a bike won't last very long at all. The hydroplaning danger increases with speed, worn tires, lower tire pressure (because the tire flattens more and the contact patch enlarges), and the depth of water on the surface. You are clearly in control of your speed, tire condition, and tire pressure. And if you think about it, you also have some control over the depth of water you ride in. Roads are designed to drain by sloping them slightly. A two-lane road on flat ground will be crowned with its center higher than either side so the water can drain to the sides. Divided multilane highways are likely to have a slight camber to coax the water to one side or the other. In a hard rain, a lane or track further down the resulting "hill" will have deeper water in it than a lane or track further up – lanes and tracks further down have not only the water hitting them directly but also all the water that fell a few moments earlier on the lanes or tracks higher up that has flowed down. So, all other things being equal, choose to ride in the higher lane or track. On an Interstate, for instance, you might choose the left lane if the road is cambered down to the right. But, as you come to a left hand sweeper that is slightly banked, you'd need to be in the right lane to minimize the hydroplane risk. In some traffic situations, making lane adjustments for each curve or straight-away might be easy and natural. But, it is more likely that Interstate traffic will dictate that you stick to your lane. In that case, at least realize the hydroplaning risk is changing and adjust your speed accordingly if you are caught in a heavy rain. And, if the vehicle ahead suddenly makes a big splash, know that you are about to hit some standing water and do what you can to slow down before hitting it yourself.

Finally, dress for the rain as soon as you encounter it. I can't tell you how many times I've been group riding and it starts to drizzle but somehow we all keep riding and hoping it will stop or hoping we will see a gas station with an awning that we can stop under. When the rain doesn't stop and we do not find an ideal stopping place, we end up wet, cold, and miserable – even after putting on our rain gear. Dumb. You would think we would learn to suit up as soon as the first drop falls but I haven't seen this happen as often as it should. (Of course, I'm as much to blame as everyone else on these rides. I plan to be more assertive in the future!)

Larry

CHAPTER E'S MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS' NEWS



Greetings E Team,

Have you noticed the chill in the air? That means our riding is going to slow down for the winter. Your staff is trying to come up with ways to get us together and have fun. At our October meeting, we asked you to tell us what you wanted to do and many of you responded. We look forward to putting your ideas into motion. For Julie and I, one of the high lights for us is our E Team Christmas Party which will be Saturday, December 12th this year. It is a time of good friends, good food and great fun. We hope you will make plans to attend. On January 1st, we have a new year breakfast at Golden Corral. This event has always been a great way for me to start the new year. Then, just when you think we are on hold for the winter, along comes Wingless Weekend in February. This is a great time to shake off some winter blues, re connect with friends, and to get away from it all. You see, GWRRA is for friends and about friends. Friends are an integral part of our lives. So record the dates on your calendar and get ready to have fun.

Below is our remaining schedule.....

Wednesday, November 18th...our general gathering at Dynasty Buffet, eat at 6:30, meet at 7:30.

Tuesday, December 1st...staff meeting at Vinny's, 7 pm.

Saturday, December 12th...mark your calendars now for our Christmas Party at Wilderness Resort. (details to follow)

January 1st... New Years Day breakfast at Golden Corral



At Novembers staff meeting, it was decided that we would support the Spotsylvania Department of Social Services as our Christmas charity. Gordon and Julie are the contact persons for this. As a chapter, we will use our funds to benefit the needy right here in our own backyard. We will be buying new winter coats to give to SDSS for those in need. If you

would like to help, I will be arranging a shopping day to purchase them. We would invite you to come along and purchase gloves and scarves to donate. I will update you as the details are finalized.

*****HAVE A GREAT MONTH*****

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SUNDAY 1	MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6	SATURDAY 7
		STAFF MEETING				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 POT LUCK SPONSORED BY CHARLIE AND ELLEN SMITH	16	17	18 CHAPTER MEETING	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29	30					

MEMBER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



- 01 Claude & Debra Revely
- 03 Rob & Brooke Hardisty
- 08 Mike & Keri Nelson
- 19 Ranny & Melanie Randall
- 19 Charlie & Ellen Smith

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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- 15 Kimberly Clark
- 17 Reggie Willis
- 26 Wanda Hoeferkamp
- 28 Corinne Taylor
- 30 Ellen Smith



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

CHAPTER E CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 12, 2009 7:00 p.m.

WILDERNESS PRESIDENTIAL RESORT
FREDERICKSBURG, VA



MEATS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

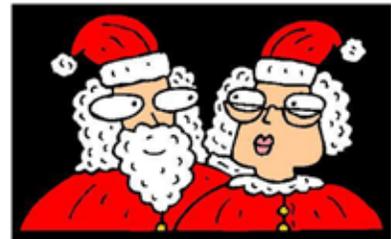
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH AND A DESSERT TO SHARE

We are requesting donations for the Fredericksburg Food Bank in the form of a nonperishable item. Tickets will be given based on the **weight of the item(s)** for a "special Christmas item" drawing.



GIFT EXCHANGE:

REQUESTING THAT GIFTS BE
MALE = A TOOL
FEMALE = A CHRISTMAS ITEM
WRAPPED AND MARKED MALE/FEMALE PLEASE



SPECIAL GUESTS EXPECTED!
(CHILD'S GIFT NEEDED)



DIRECTIONS: From I95 take Fredericksburg exit 130 to SR3 (Plank Rd) West approximately 8.5 miles to Wilderness Road. Turn left onto Wilderness Rd. and stop at the Gate House. Tell them that you are with the GoldWing Christmas Party and they will direct you.
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