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CHAPTER E – DIRECTOR’S NEWSLETTER



Greetings To All,

September got off to a great start for the “E” Team.

On September 13th, 6 members traveled to Chapter C for their Fall Sprawl. In attendance were Mike & Carol, Ed & Wanda, and (another couple, name escapes me, sorry). Carol informed me that they had a great time and the food was wonderful. Mike was telling me about an egg toss game they played. Let’s just say that you will have to ask Carol how you can get raw egg to go through your shirt and into your (you get the picture).

On the 20th, Bob & Ella hosted our semiannual maintenance day and monthly potluck. Let me start by saying this; Bob & Ella are a hoot. You’ve got to go to the next event at their house; it’s amazing what you can learn about someone while at their home. In attendance were Bob & Ella, Butch & Nancy, Greg & Karen, Larry, Gordon & Julie, Ron & Linda, Jeff, Keith, Dave, Dan & Martha Jo, and Sly & Tina. In Bob’s “garage”, we had 7 bikes (at one time) that had some maintenance done. We had fork oil and engine oil changes, heated grips installed, and Dave came in and said his tail light had water leaking in. Upon a slightly closer look, Dave was missing half his lens because he backed his bike into Sharon’s car. Yea Dave, I guess it was “leaking”. I have to speak of Bob’s garage; you have got to see it. It is so organized that Lowe’s and Home Depot are jealous. And big, well, we had seven bikes all being worked on at the same time. Let me say this, Bob is an organization freak of nature. Their home, it is a lovely place with very unique construction. We felt like we were in a mountain lodge and all of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Thank you Bob & Ella for a wonderful day and thanks to our resident mechanics Greg and Larry for their unselfish time working on the bikes.

On the 21st at 2 pm, Larry set up a parking lot practice at the route 17-commuter lot. In attendance were Larry, Tom & Diana, Bob, Jeff, Gordon, Ron & Linda, Butch, Ed & Wanda, Frankie, Dan & Martha Jo and our special guests, Clarabell, Daisy, and Gertie (cows). You read right, we had 3 cows at our practice grazing around the lot. Their owner came and led them home as we finished up our practice. Thank you Larry for providing this type of education.

Also on the 21st at 4 pm, we gathered at Mimi’s Café for a dinner ride. In attendance were Larry, Dan & Martha Jo, Butch & Nancy, Ed & Wanda, Tom & Diana, Gordon & Julie, Sly & Tina, Frankie, Ron & Linda, and Danny & Carol. As always, we had a great time with each other as we stuffed ourselves. Our server heaped a lot of abuse on your chapter director (Julie said I deserved it). After the dinner ride, a few ventured over to Cold Stone Creamery for ice cream (you were expecting a different type of dessert).

On October 4th, Butch, Bob, Ted and Gordon provided support for the Virginia Triathlon at Lake Anna. We all enjoyed ourselves and really enjoyed the beautiful day. This was my first time doing this and I was surprised at how large an event it was.

Well, we just got back from Rally in the Valley and what a great Rally Virginia put on. Julie and I thoroughly enjoyed our time there. In attendance were Anthony, Althea and Anthony's mother Annie, Butch & Nancy, Gordon & Julie, Greg & Karen, Frankie & Delois, Keith, Bob, Ray & Kathy, Dan & Martha Jo, Tom & Diana, Mike & Carol, Terry, Ron, Danny, Jim & Bev, Richard & Mary, John & Helen, Tim & Eva, Sly, Tracy and Larry W., and Maurice & Robin (new members). I'll save you the time, that's 38 E Team members who really had a great time. On Thursday evening, 15 of us rode out to the Homeplace for diner and waddled back to our bikes and cars with very, very full bellies. Does everyone remember my first Rally and how I melted my credit card? Well, our new members Maurice & Robin fused their wallet shut. Also, I'm happy to announce that our very own Mike and Carol Lucas were chosen as this year's recipients of the Vernon Needham "Spirit of Virginia Award". This award is given to an individual or couple who displays the GWRRA spirit in support of the Virginia District. Congratulations Mike and Carol, you truly deserved this award. I would like to thank every team member who worked the hospitality table. Your support was greatly appreciated. Also thanks go to the Fritz's and the Evans for hosting our chapter lunch at the Rally. I am blessed to be chapter director of such an awesome group of people.

- Upcoming events:
- 10/25 VA-E Fall Fantasy Fun Run
- 11/01 VA-J South Boston Gold Wing Giveaway
- 11/29 Pot Luck @ the Davis's
- 12/13 E Team Christmas Party @ Wilderness Resort

Thank you; "E" Team, for all you do. You're the best !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gordon

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OCTOBER ASSISTANT CHAPTER EDUCATOR'S NEWS AND REVIEWS

Larry will be in the Aloha state for two weeks and has asked me to fill in for him, including writing something for the newsletter. So here goes nothing.

At last month's meeting, I used some information from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center to list some things that will help make us more visible to other users of the highways. The assumption being: "If they can see us, they will not hurt us". Maybe. Hopefully. To give everyone who was not at the meeting a chance to see what I'm talking about, here is the list which the MMSC claims to be the most important things we can do to be seen and thus granted the right-of-way when appropriate. They are listed in order of importance. Yes Mike and Gordon, I have corrected my spelling in number 4.

1. Florescent/Reflective Safety Vest (4 points)
2. White Helmet (3 points)
3. Brightly Colored Jacket (2 points)
4. Strategic Lane Positioning (2 points)
5. Headlight Modulation (1 point)
6. Flash Your Taillight (1 point)
7. Reflective Tape (1 point)
8. Movement (1 point)
9. Auxiliary Driving Lights (1 point)
10. Hand Signals (1 point)

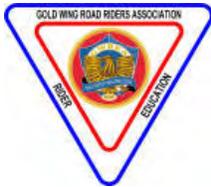
Not given at the meeting are ten additional tips by the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center for motorcyclist to be seen plus one tip for being heard. Several suggest we reduce riding during periods of poor weather. Most would prefer not to ride at night or when it's raining or when it's foggy or during high winds. Most of us would do very little riding if we only rode when the weather and other conditions were "perfect". Nevertheless, keep in mind that motorcycles are more likely to be "invisible" under certain conditions.

11. Avoid Riding at Night (1/2 point)
12. Avoid Riding at Dawn/Dusk (1/2 point)
13. Aftermarket Horn (1/2 point)
14. Position/Marker Lights (1/2 point)
15. Avoid Riding in Poor Weather (1/2 point)
16. Avoid Riding during Low-Sun Angle or Seasonal Times (1/2 point)
17. Bike Profile (1/2 point)
18. Bike Color (1/2 point)
19. High Beam in Daytime (1/4 point)
20. Unusual Effects (1/4 point)

The validity of these points may be debatable, but they do make excellent topics for discussion and something for each of us to consider. You are considered a highly visible rider if your riding habits are good enough for you to score a total of ten (10) by adding up the points in parentheses. Good luck.

For more information go to > <http://www.highviz.org/> <

Bob Dorminey



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TECH TIPS FROM THE WEBDUDE :: ODD PC PROBLEMS (PART II)

This is the second month of some odd PC problems. Do any of these sound familiar? Before you run out and buy a new PC, check out these tips before doing so. It could save you a lot of money.

Optical Drive (CD or DVD) Runs Slower and Slower

In this case the villain may be dust, since optical drives rarely "slow down" on their own. Optical drives either work---or they don't, so a mechanical problem is ruled out. What most likely has happened is that your drive has accumulated a layer of dust. Here's the fix: You'll need a can of "spray air" (available everywhere). Eject the disc, exposing the empty tray and spray into the drive with short bursts - BE SURE TO USE THE CAN UPRIGHT - and be sure to spray at an angle so the dust will be expelled out of the drive. Do not spray continuously or turn the spray can upside down (doing so could introduce moisture into the drive or freeze components). Repeat this process a few times, then test the drive. There are also optical drive cleaning discs available at places like Best Buy, Circuit City, and Walmart, just to name a few.

Possible Bad Memory Module

Are you getting errors when you boot your computer? Is your computer telling you that you have insufficient memory, or that a memory module is faulty? Try this only if you feel comfortable opening the case (it may void warranty if you open your case. Check with your manufacturer before attempting) and removing the memory module(s). If you have multiple RAM modules installed, you can install just one DIMM (or pairs if required) in your motherboard at a time and run the machine to observe for errors. This isn't a completely reliable way to test RAM, but can yield results if a module is significantly defective (as opposed to a single memory cell). As an alternative, you can download the Microsoft Memory Diagnostic Tool software (available [here](#)).

When playing PC games continuously for a long time, the computer randomly crashes or reverts to the desktop

Do you like to play computer video games? Does your computer lock up or crash while you are in the middle of a heated game of Halo? Random crashes in games can be the result of a few different problems. Typically, it's heat, a driver, the Windows install, a virus, a software incompatibility, or a problem with the game itself. The first thing you should do is check for a patch for any of your games that are crashing. Once you've updated your game, you may need to update your video card and chipset drivers. Download the latest video card driver from the company that manufactured your card's chipset. You should also check for newer drivers for your motherboard's chipset whenever you update your video card drivers. Outdated motherboard chipset drivers are one of the main causes of general system instability. If you've updated all your hardware, but are still having problems, you may have a heat issue (see the article above as well). Open your case and look at your AGP card. Is there another card right next to it? If there is, you should consider moving that card to another slot. A card directly next to a high-end video card can disrupt airflow enough to cause overheating issues with today's top-of-the-line video cards. If freeing the neighboring slot doesn't alleviate your problem, try adding a fan that fits into one of your PCI slots and exhausts hot air from the bottom of your PC.

References

DIMM: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DIMM>

Memory Module Installation Procedure: <http://www.pcguide.com/proc/physinst/ram-c.html>

-- Webdude, "E" Team Webmaster

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October's MED's Newsletter

To my GWRRA Family, I bring you Greetings from the Savage household. I must admit that it is hard to focus this time as I write; however, it is my duty to do the best I can.

As you know, Katina experienced the death of one of her brothers on 14 Oct. It has been a rather trying time, but she is coping with it as well as can be expected. I consider her very strong and dedicated to GWRRA. I say that because she was determined to attend our General Meeting the day after the death of her brother, although she wasn't at her best. She (we) want to thank all of you for your support and especially those who took out time to attend the Awake, Ed & Wanda, Mike & Carol and Mike & Keri. We also want to thank all of you for the phone calls and the cards. We want to thank Larry & Kathy, Tracey & Katrice & Sonny and Keri for having dinner with us at MiMi's Steak Restaurant on Saturday Night. This has helped her (us) to focus our attention on other things rather than the loss of a loved one. You never realize how much you are thought of until a tragedy occurs in your life. One also never realizes how much True Friends are needed until there is an unpleasant occurrence in your life. Once again, I (we thank you).

Now for GWRRA stuff. Many of us went to Rally in the Valley this year, and had a wonderful lunch with Chapter-E. Larry, Tracey and I rode down on Saturday and stayed long enough to purchase some Safety Chrome. We stayed about five hours and headed back riding into the night. As you know many of us have the Ring of Fire on our front wheel, we also have other lights on various positions on our bikes. We think those lights will make others see us better in the night. I must admit that I think that they are beautiful to look at. Well, on our way back, we were stopped on the out skirts of Culpeper, VA because we were running all our lights. We were told to shut off all lights except the ones that were White and Amber. The Officer stated "The extra lights may be the cause of an accident because people would stare at them and not pay attention to where they were going". So until we were in the next District, we only ran the standard lights. So when you ride at night with your beautiful LED Lights, be it Blue, Green or Purple, expect to be stopped if you are in the Culpeper area. Needless to say, I needed a break because of my seat. My Butt just doesn't want to adjust to my Hard Corbin Seat.

Once again, we are willing to serve in any capacity and are proud to be members of GWRRA.

Sly & Tina

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The "E" Team is happy to announce our newest members, Maurice and Robin Keller. The Keller's recently purchased a Goldwing. They live in Stafford and have 3 kids, Kristy, Marcy and Carrie. Their first event with us was Rally in the Valley. Please make a point to welcome Maurice and Robin when you see them.

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SPIRIT OF VIRGINIA AWARD*

The "Spirit of Virginia" award is presented to an outstanding person or couple in the Virginia GWRRA. All members within GWRRA are outstanding members, but there are those few who continue to help others and exemplify the motto of this organization, "Friends for fun, safety and knowledge." These members deserve to be recognized for their contributions.

With that in mind, an award has been initiated to recognize those types of member. Only one award will be made in any year. If a deserving recipient or couple is nominated and selected, the presentation will be made at the District Rally. The member or couple receiving this award does/do not have to prove themselves by any type of test or oral presentation. They do not have to present themselves in any way after they have been nominated. In fact, it is preferred that it be kept a secret from the person or couple that have/has been nominated. A committee consisting of District Officers and/or former recipients of the award will be appointed each year to consider a recipient or couple from among those that have been nominated. The nominator will also be contacted upon selection to ensure that the recipient or couple will be attending the Rally for presentation of the Award.

Rules of the award are as follows:

- The nominee or couple must be a Full or Associate member(s) of the Virginia GWRRA with membership fees paid in full for the year they are nominated.
- The nominator(s) must also be a Full or Associate member(s) of the Virginia GWRRA with membership fees paid for the year they are nominating.
- The nominator(s) does/do not have to be an officer or hold any position within GWRRA.
- The nominator(s) must submit a written dissertation stating why they believe the person or couple should be considered for this prestigious award. Try to be as comprehensive as possible as to why the nominee or couple should be considered. The nominator's GWRRA Membership Number, as well as the nominee's GWRRA Membership Number(s), and the nominator's address and phone number must be included as part of the nomination submission.
- The written dissertation will then be turned over to the Chapter Director or Assistant Chapter Director of the nominator's Chapter. The nominations must then be sent to the District Director so that the nominations are received no later than 1 September of the year of the potential award.
- The committee will then consider the written dissertations to determine if a "Spirit of Virginia" award will be presented at that year's District Rally.
- How does a member or couple qualify for this prestigious award? "By their works you shall know them."

For additional information, contact [Pat or Kathy Hasiak](#) 703-590-5712.

*Copied from VA District Web Site 10/20/08

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Hello Region N! *

This month, We'd like to clean up some pre-conceived ideas about the Chapter of the Year program (CHOY) and help you understand the program a little better.

1. The CHOY is NOT another job for the Chapter Director
2. It is NOT a stack of paperwork that you have slave over
3. It is NOT some kind of test you have to pass
4. You do NOT have to recreate the wheel
5. You do NOT have to plan anything out of the ordinary
6. You do NOT have extra work involved to be considered for CHOY

In fact, because you are an Official GWRRA Chapter, you already have an opportunity to be in consideration for the honor. The CHOY is simply recognition of GWRRA Chapters that are doing what a Chapter is set up to do; that's all, nothing more. There is some basic information needed, and then you have chances to score extra points. Extra points are scored by breaking-out the number of events the Chapter held, the number of members at the first and end of the year, how many members are in the Rider Ed levels program and how many LTD seminars you as a CD attended. The form is already prepared for your entries. It's really pretty easy to fill out. I've included the forms on the last 2 pages of this newsletter for you to download and print. The forms are also available on the Officers Connect page, under Officers Resources. Send a hard copy to your District Director, through your Assistant District Director.

Last year, WV-B was the winner of the Region N Chapter of the Year. If you are chosen as your District's Chapter of the Year, they will provide you with an award and submit your score sheet to Region. If you're chosen as the Region Chapter of the Year, you'll receive a large trophy to display throughout the year and Region will submit your score sheet to National for consideration as the National Chapter of the Year. National will announce the winner just before Wing Ding in Tulsa and will provide other awards and special recognition.

Take a look at the form, download it, print it out, fill it in and submit it. Hey, you never know...your Chapter could be the next Chapter of the Year!

There is just one more Rally in Region N for this year and it's the Virginia District Rally, "Through the Years!" The full schedule and day-filled activities are posted on their website, <http://www.gwrrava.org/>. Let's show up in record numbers there and end the season with a great rally!
"Let's make it Great in 2008!"

Frank and Kathy Albert

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Hypothermia -- Dressing for the Weather...*

By David & Dori Dirig

Whether it was heading off to District Rally or enjoying this Southern California weather, I hope everyone ended their summer right. Yes, that's right, summer's over. I heard that some people had trouble with the heat on the way up to Sunnyvale, and this concerns me. Exposure is a concern, no matter the season. While it's typical to worry about this in July as you plot a route across the desert, we need to start thinking about the other end of the spectrum, which can be just as dangerous.

As we taper out of summer into fall and winter, everyone should start thinking about cold weather gear. Diversity is a luxury that we enjoy here in Southern California, where we can go from one climate to another very quickly. The dangerous part of this is that we can go from one climate to another very quickly....Did you all get that?? So you take off for a nice ride in the afternoon one Saturday in November. As you climb to higher elevations, do you have your cold weather gear? You're gonna need it, even if its 70 degrees along the coast. Are your 'omigosh its cold' gloves in the side bag, or they still at home in the closet making room for that trip to Phoenix in July? How about that electric vest or snowmobile suit or thermal underwear? Exposure should be a concern to each of us, no matter the time of year; its simply a matter of what end of the spectrum that we prepare against. This summer we worried about heat and dehydration; now we need to prepare against cold and hypothermia.

Hypothermia is a lower than normal body temperature. That's fine, but what does it really mean? Basically, as your body loses heat, its starts to malfunction. Do your hands work as well when they're cold and numb? Your brain suffers the same problem in the cold. As you get cold, you lose the ability to concentrate and react to changing conditions. This can be fatal on a motorcycle.

How do we avoid hypothermia?? 1) Don't ride! Know your limits; don't ride if its too cold. If you're riding and you start to get cold, pull off, stop for a cup of coffee, rest your mind and your body someplace warm until you can continue. If your hands and mind are numb from the cold, are your reactions quick enough to save your life? If you have to ask, then pull over and warm up!! 2) Dress appropriately. This can mean superthick insulated gloves and electric clothing, or it can simply mean wearing multiple layers for insulation. A pair of thermal underwear or silk liners for that lighter pair of gloves can make all the difference in the world.

The idea is to wear multiple layers of clothing. In this way, you can add layers to keep warm or remove layers if you get overly warm. Wear multiple thin layers as opposed to one heavy layer, and the layers should fit loosely. A windproof outer layer is ideal to prevent the wind from chilling you. The idea is insulation, combined with protection from the wind blast of riding at highway speeds. The better your insulation and protection from the wind, the less heat you lose, thus reducing your risk of hypothermia. Remember that we ride as a group. If you're cold, let us know so we can stop and let you put on additional layers. To do anything else is unsafe. Even if you don't have the needed gear on a ride, sing out.

Someone in the group will most likely have additional gloves or liners or a sweatshirt to get you to where you're going safely. That's the bottom line; safety. As an individual and as a group, we need to be prepared for colder weather. It may seem silly to start talking about this in October, but go ahead and but that sweatshirt or heavier set in gloves in the bike. You (or someone else) may need it down the road.

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7:00 PM

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3rd Wednesday of each month

DYNASTY BUFFET - FOUR-MILE FORK

Meet at 6:30 pm to Eat

Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

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Mike and Carol Lucas

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FALL FANTASY FUN RUN

OCTOBER 25, 2008

Date: October 25, 2008 Time: 10:00 am

PLACE: Curtis Park, Stafford, VA

LUNCH: 12:00 noon (Awards/Auction to follow)

Cost: Adults \$7.00 7-12 \$3.00 6 & Under & COYs Free

Chili & Soup Cook-Off

Bring your Specialty & help with the judging

Awards: Best Chili & Soup \$25.00 each

Best Overall - \$50.00

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Directions: From I-95, Fredericksburg Exit 133 onto US 17 North (Warrenton Rd).
In 5.5 miles, turn right on SR 612 (Hartwood Rd.). Travel 2 miles and turn right on
Jesse Curtis Lane into Curtis Park. Look for GWRRA signs.

Contact: Gordon Combs, Chapter Director

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IMPOSSIBLE OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES

1 cup packed brown sugar

2 cups Bisquick

2/3 c. butter

1 ½ cups quick cooking oats

½ t. vanilla

1 ¼ c. raisins

2 eggs

Heat oven to 350°. Mix brown sugar, margarine, vanilla and eggs. Stir in remaining ingredients. Drop dough by teaspoons about 2 in. Cook about 20 min.

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Kestner

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