

Battlefield Wing News



National

Chapter Birthday & Anniversaries

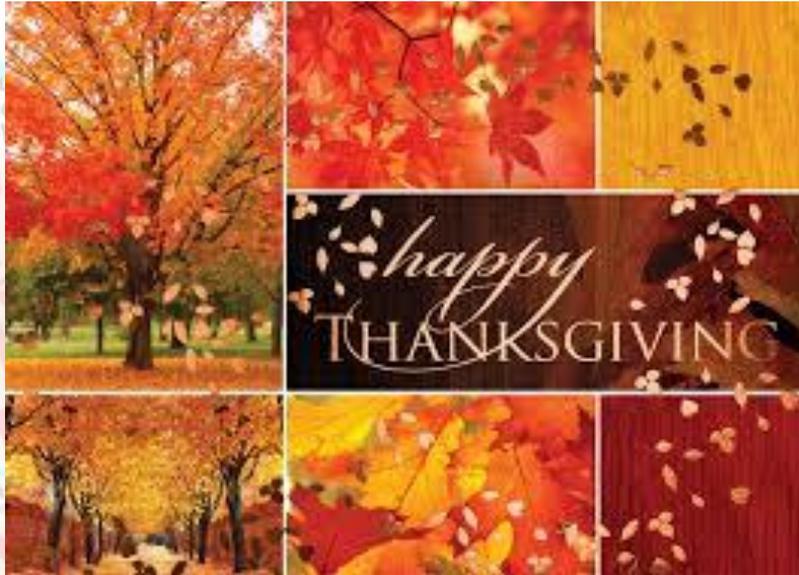
- 1 – Claude & Debra Revely
- 3 – Rob & Brook Hardisty
- 19 – Charlie & Ellen Smith
- 30 – Ellen Smith

Chapter Director

Assistant Chapter Director

VA-E Team Leaders/Staff

- Director** - Gordon Combs
- Asst. Director** - Claude Revely
- Treasurer** - Greg Kestner
- Ride Coordinator/Educator** - Lyle Schrupf
- Asst. Ride Coordinators** - Jeff Burke, Gordon Combs, Eddie Seals, Charlie Smith, Dan Fritz
- Tech Coordinators** - Larry Gray & Greg K.
- Membership Coordinator** - Karen Kestner
- Tri Coordinator** - Butch Groves
- Welcome Coordinator** - Nancy Groves
- Goodies Coordinator** - Ellen Smith
- Correspondence Coordinator** - Rosa Seale
- Photographer** - Sharon Poulakowski
- 50/50 Coordinator** - Cheryl Poulakowski
- Website** - Rob Hardisty
- News Letter** - James Antone



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District Educator

"Special Interest Group...SAG"

Chapter Three Day Adventure Ride

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[VA-E News Letter Email link](#)

Calendar of Events

November 2018

Battlefield Wings Events, Holidays in United States

Nov 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8 am - (FYI) VA-F 4 pm - (FYI) VA-O	29	30 Jeff Burke	31 Halloween	1 Claude & Debra	2	3 Blue Knights Teddy Rob & Brook 3 pm - (FYI) VA-X
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Chapter Dinner Ride
GWRRR FL District Wingers-N-Waves @ Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA						
Daylight Saving 2 pm - (FYI) VA-R		7 pm - Chapter E				
11 Veterans Day 9 am - (FYI) VA-I 9 am - Maintenance 4 pm - (FYI) VA-C	12 Veterans Day 6 pm - (FYI) VA-K	13 6 pm - (FYI) VA-W	14 7:30 pm - (FYI) VA-	15	16	17
18 2 pm - (FYI) VA-B1 3 pm - (FYI) VA-V	19 Charlie & Ellen	20	21 6 pm - VA-E	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 Black Friday	24
25 8 am - (FYI) VA-F 4 pm - (FYI) VA-O	26	27 6 pm - (FYI) VA-L	28 6 pm - (FYI) VA-D	29	30 Ellen Smith	1 3 pm - (FYI) VA-X



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30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day 7 pm - Chapter E	2	3	4 Michael Griffin	5 3 pm - (FYI) VA-X



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January 2019

Battlefield Wings Events, Holidays in United States

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Chapter Director

Gordon Combs

Happy Anniversary!!!! What?, who's anniversary you ask. Well, Chapter E was founded in October of 1988 right here in Fredericksburg. Today, we still have one Charter Member active, thank you Dan Fritz for 30 years of devotion to Battlefield Wings. Julie and I joined in August 2002 just after I purchased my Gold Wing. We were invited by a member who happened to work for me at the time. I will never forget those first years, as they have produced the best friendships ever from this group. I still remember my first Rally in the Valley and my first Wing Ding was in the same city as next year, Nashville. Back before Facebook, to find out the latest and greatest among friends we had to show up at our Chapter Social each month and show up we did as we used to have 40 plus members at those early gatherings. We rode a lot, we ate a lot, we stopped for ice cream a lot and we hung out a lot. I really do miss those days as it seems life has become to busy. Also, many of us have children / grandchildren that require our attention as it should. I can say with confidence that our new District Director Kathy Skinner along with Home Office are trying to guide us back to the days where we socialize and have fun instead of meet and conduct business.

Speaking of home office, I just received my new copy of the Officer's Handbook. The old one was tossed out a while ago and home office has been working fervently on a new one to guide us back to the fun. I will be pouring over it and will try to insert some of the fun points in future news letter articles. In addition, on October 20th I will be attending a called Virginia District Staff meeting (in case you missed it I was sworn in as Virginia Assistant District Educator recently) where Kathy Skinner is seeking our input on the direction of the Virginia District for next year. I see this as a very positive sign that she is looking forward to a great year in 2019.

Speaking of a great year, we only have two triathlons left for the year. Your chapter has done a remarkable job keeping up with the 24 triathlons we will have supported this year. Make plans to attend our Chapter Christmas Party on December 15th where you will see the results of the donations we received. This party is fully funded by the chapter's treasury and it will be a catered sit down dinner at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House. Your team of Karen and Julie have worked to provide us this great venue.

Well that's it for now, please invite any former members you know to come out to our 30th Anniversary Meeting and of course we want to see you there.



Asst. Chapter Director

Claude Revely

The East Coast Motorcycle Rally

3RD ANNUAL

FALL FOLIAGE

Apple Mountain "2018" OCTOBER 18 th, 19th, 20th & 21st

The BIGGEST thing Apple Mountain, Western Maryland and Little Orleans has to offer during the during the month of October is SCENERY! lots and lots of it. Whether you are kicked back in a camp chair or twisting the throttle of you motorcycle up and down winding hills through out the area the scenery is breathtaking. Come join us and enjoy a truely great time to be in the mountains.

COME AND ENJOY THE BEST TIME OF YEAR IN WESTERN MARYLAND AND USE APPLE MOUNTAIN AS YOUR HOME BASE.

COME, CAMP, RIDE & PARTY

*LOCAL BANDS AND MORE.....

NO TICKETS NECESSARY!

NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY!

BRING ANYTHING YOU WANT,

NO EXTRA CHARGE!

SHOW UP AND PAY TO CAMP.

Apple Mountain

31307 Oldtown Orleans Rd SE

Little Orleans, Md 21766



ARRIVING THE 18TH, OR 19TH \$25 PER PERSON, ARRIVING SATURDAY THE 20TH, \$15 PER PERSON!



Notary Services:

I have renewed my Notary Certification and received my new stamps. I will continue to offer Notary services to Chapter members at no charge for a notary action (which is up to \$5 per action). As advertised, I am a mobile notary and will travel to a location to notarize documents and will ask for travel reimbursement @ \$0.54 cents per mile.

Claude Revely

Your vehicle **MAY** be involved in a safety recall and **MAY** create a safety risk for you or your passengers. If left unrepaired, a potential safety defect could lead to injury or even death. Safety defects must be repaired by a dealer at no cost to you.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V630

Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Subject : Wire Harness Damage Causing Failure/FMVSS 108, 123

Make	Model	Model Years
HONDA	CRF250L	2018

CHAPTER VA-E, November 2018,
DISTRICT VIRGINIA

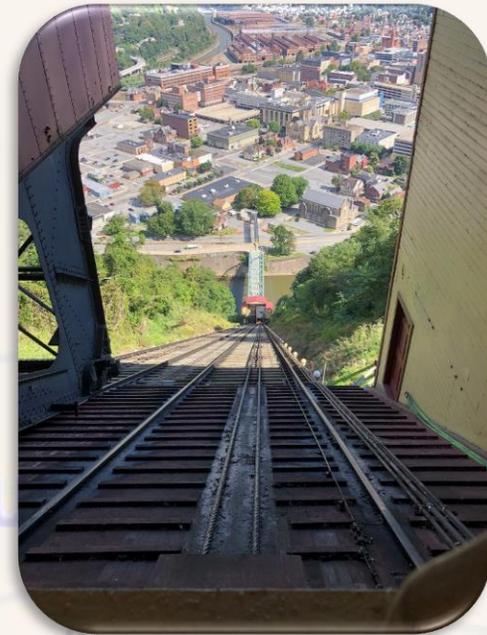
Chapter Three Day Adventure Ride

On Saturday September 29th, Frankie, Butch, Jeff, Nolan and I set out on a 3 day adventure with no hard fast agenda. Even though I led this ride, Nolan provided me with a great route to ride through Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and onto the Flight 93 Memorial near Somerset Pennsylvania. We got there in the late afternoon (the ride became official as we made a U Turn up in the mountains) and our first stop was the new Tower of Voices that we saw on the news the week before. When completed, this tower will have 40 chimes to represent the 40 brave lives lost fighting terrorism. Eight sets of chimes will have different pitches then another 4 sets of 8 will be installed exactly as the first set. When completed, 40 "voices" can be heard in the wind. As we moved on down to the field, we came upon a new visitor center that had been built since all of us were there last. We parked and walked out onto the raised walkway that followed the flight path that fateful day. After standing there in reverence for a while, we went over to the visitor center only to find out we missed the closing by 5 minutes. Since it was getting late (and cold), we mounted up and rode over to Somerset where we found some rooms, checked in, then walked over to a really great buffet restaurant where we filled out bellies quite well. During dinner (remember, we had no hard fast agenda) we discussed the next days events. We decided to go back to the Memorial to see the visitor center, then we would ride to Johnstown PA to ride the inclined plane. The next morning, after our hotel breakfast we mounted up in the 48 degree weather (brrr bear cold) and headed over to the memorial. It was already a pre-planned rendezvous with Claude, and all 6 of us got to enjoy the visitor center. This will be a must ride again next year. From there, we mounted up and headed to Johnstown. We arrived at the inclined plane and rode up on the platform where we could get all 6 bikes on it parked 2 by 2. After a short wait we were on our way up the mountain. This article can not do it justice, it was such a fantastic ride up and a great view from the top. From there, we headed to a quick lunch, then headed back toward the mountains of West Virginia. We stopped for the night just outside Deep Creek Lake in Maryland and walked to a Dairy Queen where we had dinner. During dinner, we discussed the next days ride and the plan was set. The next morning, we walked back to the same Dairy Queen for breakfast (yes, breakfast and it was good). We mounted up and headed for route 219. Jeff had already asked that if we pass any covered bridges or get close to any windmills he wanted to stop, so we accommodated his request. He saw 2 covered bridges and on route 219 just after we entered W Va, we came upon an area where we could park and stand under a windmill. We continued on down 219 and onto Cass Mountain Railroad where we stopped for lunch. From there we stopped at Greenbank and went into the visitor center for the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. From there, we plotted a route home and got there just in time for dinner with our spouses.

Here are a few notes from the ride...1) Frankie can buy merchandise from every single stop in 3 days and still find room in his GoldWing for it. 2) We made Jeff's day with the covered bridges and the windmills 3) Nolan knows some pretty good cycle roads 4) Claude is not a tourist 5) Butch is really easy going 6) I loved spending 3 days with these 5 guys.



Chapter Three Day Adventure Ride



A common field one day. A field of honor forever.



Virginia Chapter (updated July2018)

Click on the Chapter for their website or Chapter Director to drop them an email.

Social gathering can be found on the [battlefield calendar](#), [Just click.](#)

Chapter	Location	Chapter Director	Phone	Social Gathering
VA-A	Burke	Mary O'Connor	703-378-3873	2 nd Wednesday
VA-B1	Tappahannock	Jim & Beverly Evans		3 rd Sunday
VA-C	Newport News	Dave & Donna Huey	757-719-0068	2 nd Sunday
VA-D	Richmond	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet	804-938-9183	4 th Wednesday
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Gordon Combs	540-840-0394	3 rd Wednesday
VA-F	Winchester	Stephanie Davis	540-664-6430	4 th Sunday
VA-H	Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker	276-628-6047	2 nd Tuesday
VA-I	Manassas	Mack & Tracey McMillan	571-338-5418	2 nd Sunday
VA-K	Roanoke	Bobbie Jo Harrison	540-309-0566	2 nd Monday
VA-L	Chesapeake	Zac & Angle Bon	757-581-0908	4 th Tuesday
VA-O	Williamsburg	Ray & Tammie Pierce	757-268-6286	4 th Sunday
VA-R	Harrisonburg	Gary Hoover		1 st Sunday
VA-V	Bedford	Jonathan Whitworth	540-425-0028	3 rd Sunday
VA-W	Chester	Sheila Hazen	804-396-9088	2 nd Tuesday
VA-X	Salem	Larry Stanton	540-922-1401	1 st Saturday

Virginia District Team (updated July2018)

Click on the name below to drop them an email.

Position	Name	Phone
District Directors	John & Kathy Skinner	(K) 757-613-6191 (J) 757-482-5700
Asst. DD West	Wayne & Kathy Whitworth	540-875-8064
Asst. DD North	Allen & Debbie Dowell	804-222-1303
District Educators	Leroy Gross	301-641-1032
Asst. District Educator	Bob Beltz	757-869-8277
District University Coordinator	Open	
District Treasurer	Roman Paryz	757-687-9282
Member Enhancement	Denise & Ervin Blake	804-693-4268
Asst. Membership Enhancement	Candy Picagli	757-593-0155
District Couple of The Year	Allen & Debbie Dowell	804-222-1303
CPR/MFA Coordinator	Ken Taylor	703-819-6766
District Special Events Coord.	Bobbie Jo Harrison	540-890-2890
District Rally Vendor Coord.	Linda Carlyle	757-538-9989
Asst. Vendor Coord.	Trish Adams	804-652+9520
Newsletter Editor	Roman Paryz	757-687-9282

National (updated July2018)

Click on the name below to drop them an email.

GWRRR President	Anita Alkire
GWRRR Directors Emeritus	Ray & Sandi Garris

District Educator

Hello Everyone,
Safety

If you have been riding recently you have probably noticed a couple of changes. One is that the leaves are beginning to fall and accumulate on the road. Please be careful especially on wet leaves. I recently took a four-day ride in West Virginia and, in addition to the leaves, I also encountered some walnuts that had fallen onto the road, usually in groups of 10-20 walnuts. That really got my attention. If you are riding in the country watch for that as well.

It's going to get colder very soon. Some of you may park your motorcycles for the Winter while others gear up for cold riding with heavy clothing and/or electric gear. If you park your machine for the winter what is your storage plan. Do you treat your fuel? Do you plug your battery into a maintenance charger? Do you take it to a dealer to have some maintenance done in preparation for next season such as new tires or the dreaded Gold Wing air filter service? If you ride most of the Winter are you ready? Does your heated clothing work? Does the power supply on your motorcycle work? I usually take the fuse out of my Gerbing power supply in the warmer months. That's OK as long as I remember to put it back in and install the right amp fuse. Is the antifreeze in your motorcycle in the right concentration for Winter riding? These are just a few things to think about as cold weather approaches.

Training

There will be a Road Captain Course at the Tappahannock Regional Airport on November 10 th . Many have asked if we could have a course and I am trying to get this in before the weather gets nasty. See the flyer below for the details on how to register.

There is a Road Captain Course occurring on October 13 th in the Roanoke area for our members in the western part of the District. We hope the weather cooperates this time as the course was cancelled a couple of months ago.

There is a Medic First Aid class planned on November 3 rd in Chesapeake. I am still working with the MFA Coordinator and the Chapter Director to see about any extra seats that might be available in the class. I will push the information out to all Chapter Directors as soon as I can.

Other

The long-awaited Handbook that includes guidance for not only Rider Education but all programs within GWRRA is going to be posted very soon. I know, you've heard it before, but I think it's actually happening this time. I actually got to see it, touch it and I am in the process of reading it.

Rumor Control

I heard that someone understood me to say that Motorist Awareness no longer exists. NOT TRUE!!! It is no longer required for the Levels Program but certainly still exists. In fact, it has it's own section in the Handbook referred to above.

That's all the news for now. Ride Safe!

LeRoy Gross

District Educator

"SAG"



We have started a new "Special Interest Group...SAG" within Battlefield Wings and Tuesday the 9th was our inaugural ride. The new SAG is called ROMEO, which stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out. Joining me on our first ride was Frankie, Butch, Claude, Nolan and Ray. We met at 11 am and headed to Colonial Beach for a nice riverside lunch at High Tides Restaurant. We took different routes there and back and enjoyed a beautiful sunny 88 degree day. I will send an email to all every time we decide to ride and if you can make it we would love to have you.

#luvtheretiredlife

Motorcycle Fatalities Declined Nationwide in 2017

October 8, 2018

On Wednesday, October 3rd, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released its preliminary report on 2017 traffic fatalities. After two consecutive years of rising fatalities, 2017 saw a 1.1% decrease nationwide in overall traffic fatalities. Motorcycle fatalities, which also increased in both 2015 and 2016, saw a 3.1% decrease in 2017. That is certainly welcomed news.

It is important to point out that the report represents the preliminary data. We will be able to better identify trends and causative factors in the next couple of months after NHTSA releases its full report on traffic fatalities, as well as its annual report that specifically analyzes motorcycle crashes and fatalities. However, what we are once again seeing in this year's preliminary report is that motorcycle fatalities continue to trend up or down with overall traffic fatalities. In 2017 motorcycle fatalities represented 14% of all traffic fatalities. That is where we have been for the past ten years regardless of increases or decreases in the number of traffic fatalities, changes in the number of registered motorcycles and other motor vehicles, or fluctuations in vehicle miles traveled.

When the additional reports are released in the upcoming months, we will report on their findings and compare those findings with past reports to identify crash and fatality trends, as well as causative factors contributing to both motorcycle crashes and fatalities. As always, if you have any questions or comments concerning this information or any other matter regarding either motorcycle safety or laws affecting riders, please feel free to contact me.

Flyer Info

APPLE MOUNTAIN PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS THE 2018 FALLFEST HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MOTORCYCLE SWAPMEET & BIKE SHOW



SUNDAY October 28th

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It
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Skool!*

SWAPMEET:
BUY / SELL / TRADE
Parts, Bikes, Accessories
PARTS, PARTS, PARTS!
SUNDAY ONLY!

2018

Apple Mountain Productions, bringing
back the Fun Affordable Swapmeet!
The way they used to be
and still should be!

HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
WEST FRIENDSHIP, MARYLAND

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

DIRECTIONS

Baltimore:

695 to 70w to 32s to Right on 144,
Fairgrounds 1/2 mile on Right

Washington:

95n to 32w, follow 16 miles to Left on
144, Fairgrounds 1/2 Mile on Right

Frederick:

70e to 32s to Right on 144,
Fairgrounds 1/2 mile on Right



For More Info
301.723.0213

\$200 DOOR PRIZE!

VENDOR SETUP TIME:
Saturday 5pm-9pm
Sunday 5am-9:30am

10 x 10
SPOT
\$25

GATES OPEN
@ 10am

RAIN OR SHINE

FREE PARKING

INDOOR HEATED BUILDING

www.howardcountyswapmeet.com

GPS: 2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD 21794

Flyer Info



Blue Knights VA III

36th Annual Teddy Bear Run

November 3, 2018

To benefit the Children's Hospital



Registration begins at 9:00 am - Marks & Harrison Pavilion @ Richmond Harley-Davidson 12200 Harley Club Dr. Ashland, VA.

Police escorted ride leaving at 2:00pm to Children's Hospital!

A \$15.00 entry fee per participant entitles you to a Teddy Bear for Children's Hospital and a door prize ticket. The first 600 riders will receive a ride pin. Door prizes and 50/50 drawings will be held prior to the ride departing Richmond Harley-Davidson. Breakfast and lunch sales, vendors and family fun before the ride. Registrations after 1:00pm are not eligible for Door prizes or 50/50 drawing.



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Flyer Info

LET'S GO HAWAIIAN

Tennessee District
37th Annual
Spring Fling

WHEN
May 2, 3 & 4 2019



WHERE

Pigeon Forge at the Ramada Inn South and Convention Center. All activities will be at the Ramada Inn South to include opening, inside vendors, outside vendors, hospitality room, chapter challenge games, training and much more. The Talent Show on Friday night and Closing on Saturday night will also be at the Ramada Convention Center.

AFTER CLOSING DINNER SHOW

Will be a new show at the
Hatfields & Mc Coys Dinner Theater
\$36.00 Per Person

REGISTRATION FORM

Will soon be on our WEB SITE

www.gwrratn.org

Daily 50/25/25
awarded every day.
Grand 50/50
awarded at closing.

Point of contact for more information.

Dennis Peterson
TN Assistant District Director
931-302-5283
tnchapterq@gmail.com

GRAND PRIZE
\$1000.00
BABY GRAND PRIZE
\$500.00

Flyer Info

Wing Ding 41

Nashville, TN

August 27—31, 2019

PREREGISTRATION ENDS JULY 22, 2019

General Public Full Pass	\$50
GWRRA Members Full Pass	\$40
Life Members Full Pass	\$20

<http://41.wing-ding.org/>



Registration includes...

- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show
- 4-day pass to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes
 - ◊ subject to availability
- Wing Ding Welcome Party
- Access to Seminars and Parades
- Access to Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Optional dinner and priority seating prior to free Entertainment Event
- Access to free Evening Entertainment Event
- Souvenir Event Pin and Pocket Guide
- Exclusive opportunities for tours, dinners and other ticketed events
- Numbered armband for chance at thousands of dollars in amazing prizes!
- Precision Drill Team Exhibitions and other performances
- Optional Rider Education Safety Courses, CPR Classes and more...

See You There!

[Registration](#)