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*"In a car you're always in a compartment, and because you're used to it you don't realize that through that car window everything you see is just more TV. You're a passive observer and it is all moving by you boringly in a frame."* ~ Robert M. Pirsig



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## Spring Is Near ... Or Is It???

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Groundhog Day – Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, which is supposed to mean six more weeks of winter. On the other hand, the Old Farmer's Almanac says an indicator of spring is the increased activity of skunks. For most folks that's measured by how many are seen as roadkill. On our February 9<sup>th</sup> ROMEO Ride I counted six smelly, albeit flattened skunks. Soooo, do dead skunks negate Ground Hog predictions? I don't know, but considering the mild winter we've had, hopefully it won't make any difference.



We already have a busy calendar for the coming year, and I hope you'll find something that interests you enough to come out and ride.

Gordon has coordinated for an early receipt of "Passports" for 2023 Virginia Grand Tour. Our goal is visit at least 12 listed destinations. We'll do so on ROMEO rides and planning an overnight trip for destinations in southwest Virginia. We can also schedule weekend rides to accommodate those still working. If that fits your personal schedule, let us know and we'll get it on the calendar.

Virginia District is sponsoring the following training opportunities:  
March 4<sup>th</sup>-Team Riding and Crash Scene Response in Chesapeake.  
April 8<sup>th</sup> - Experienced Rider Course (ERC) in Gloucester.

Gordon and I plan to attend the ERC. I was unsuccessful locating an ERC offered locally, including Fredericksburg, Fort Belvoir, Dahlgren Navy Base and Quantico Marine Base. Gloucester may be as "local" as

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you'll find. Also, completion of either the Basic or Experienced Rider Course is not only great training, but also could result in a discount on your motorcycle insurance.

This is the status of Virginia chapters with the close of GWRRA:

JOINED WING'D RIDERS: C-Newport News / D-Richmond / E-Fredericksburg / K-Roanoke / L-Chesapeake.

UNDECIDED: H-Abingdon / V-Bedford / X-Salem

CLOSED: A-Burke / F-Winchester / I-Manassas / R-Harrisonburg.

This makes VA-E the northern-most chapter in the state.

ROMEO Rides: Weather and illness limited our rides to only three in January and early February. We've been to Westmoreland, Tappahannock, and Ashland. Picturesque routes, good food, great companionship, lots of laughs. Come join us.

The TRIATHALON Schedule is attached. Please consider helping with one or more.

Upcoming events:

April 29: Maintenance Day

June 29-July 2: Wing'd Rider 1st Rally, Litchfield, IL

June 17: VA District Ride Southwestern Area (Location TBD)

July 22: VA District Ride Southeastern Area (Location TBD)

Aug 5: VA District Ride North Area, Fredericksburg

(VA-E is sponsoring the Northern Ride. Please mark your calendars and help make for a great showing for the "home Chapter".)

Sept 9: VA-C Fall Sprawl, White Stone

Sept 16: All Chapters Picnic, Twin Lakes State Park

Oct 6-8: Rally in the Valley, Roanoke

Our next Chapter gathering is Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 to eat / 7:30 to greet!! See y'all there!

Joe Herron

*Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions are always welcome.*

## Membership Coordinator (MC):

Gordon Combs

## Wacky Weather!!!

What's with this wacky weather...to cold to ride one day, perfect day the next. I say any time we can get out and ride is a good time. And the Thursday fun bunch has been riding. Last Thursday, Claude, Butch, Joe, Eric, JC and myself rode some back roads down to Ashland and had lunch at Trackside Grill. We were seated in the front window barley 20 feet from the train tracks



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where we could see the trains passing by along with some other "entertainment" (ask one of us the next time you see us). I for one am looking forward to many more days of riding with my friends this year. There are other times we can meet up with friends such as dinner at a restaurant, the dinner theatre, or even golf. Speaking of golf, 4 of us are headed to Myrtle Beach the first week of March for a golf tournament. I always enjoy the times spent with my Goldwing friends regardless of which vehicle we drive to meet up. And since we are talking about meeting up, why don't you add these dates to your calendar now to join us.....

1. Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> is our spring maintenance day at the Smith's home. We start with maintenance at 2 followed by chili, soup or stew around 5. The Smith's have a wonderful place to meet and will have their awesome fire pit going for us.
2. Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> is Habitat for Humanity's Ride Virginia. More details to follow.
3. June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first annual Wing'd Rider Rally in Litchfield IL. This rally replaces Wing Ding and it looks to be a great rally. Four of us already registered and booked our rooms, so if you want to join us get in touch with me ASAP.
4. Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>...this is a preliminary date for our North VA District ride. More details to follow.
5. Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> is the VA District Picnic. This fun event replaces the All Chapters Picnic but is basically the same event at the same place, just a new name.
6. October 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> is the VA District Rally in the Valley. This year we move back to Roanoke for this fun event with lots of great riding. See flyer in this newsletter for more info and to get the early bird discount on your room.

As you can see, we have a lot scheduled already, so load up your calendars and make plans to get in on the fun.

Hope to see you at this Wednesday at our Social Gathering at Castiglia's on Courthouse Rd, 6 to eat, 7 to greet. We always give away gift cards and I have been the recipient of some the last 2 gatherings. It sure is nice to receive just for showing up.

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- **"I look my best when i take my helmet off after a long motorcycle ride. I have a glow and a bit of helmet hair."** Eric Bana
  - **"I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness."** Emo Philips



## Calendar of Events:

### March 2023

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
7	Meeting	Team Leader, Chapter	TBD	TBD
2	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
4	Weekend			
9	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
10	Newsletter	Inputs for Newsletter Due		
11	Weekend			
12	FYI	Daylight Saving Time	Spring Ahead 1 Hour	2AM
15	Birthday	Lyle Schrumpf		
16	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
15	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Castiglia's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
17	Holiday	St. Patrick's Day		
18	Weekend			
19	Birthday	Joe 'Duke' Herron		
20	Birthday	Bob Dorminey		
22	Birthday	Greg Kestner		
23	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
24	Birthday	Nancy Burke		
25	Weekend			
26	Birthday	Melanie Hardin-Gray		
27	Birthday	Lloyd Messner		
28	Anniversary	Gordon & Julie Combs		
29	Birthday	Cheryl Poulakowski		
30	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM



## April 2023

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
1	Holiday	April Fool's Day		
1	Weekend			
1	Tri	Smithfield Sprint	Smithfield VA	
4	Meeting	Team Leader, Chapter	TBD	TBD
6	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
7	Holiday	Good Friday		
8	Weekend			
9	Birthday	Mark Poulakowski		
9	Holiday	Easter		
10	Newsletter	Inputs for Newsletter Due		
10	Holiday	Easter Monday		
12	Anniversary	Eric & Nancy Henry		
13	Anniversary	Jeff & Nancy Burke		
15	Weekend			
16	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
16	Anniversary	Larry & Melanie Gray		
19	Anniversary	Lloyd & Mary Messner		
20	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
19	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Castiglia's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
22	Birthday	James Antone		
22	Holiday	Earth Day		
22	Weekend			
22	Tri	Rumpus in Bumpas	Lake Anna VA	
27	Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	WAWA 4625 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
29	Weekend			
29	Tri	General Smallwood	Indian Head MD	

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## *Tech Tips from the Webmaster*

In light of some recent odd events, you might remember a Chinese balloon (some saying it was used to gather intelligence) was safely shot down by U.S. Air Force F-22 fighter jet just off the coast of Myrtle Beach, SC. I wanted to describe how you can launch your very own high-altitude balloon, whether for weather, photography, or spying on your neighbor in the next time zone. It can be fun and rewarding experience! It makes a great project for students, parents, or balloon enthusiasts, but there are some regulations that you need to follow even before you inflate your first balloon. There are several things to consider.

### *Balloon Size*

Balloon sizes are measured by the measured mass of the balloon in grams. The size of your balloon will depend on how heavy your payload is and how high you want to travel to. For your first flight, you'll generally want to operate a "short duration" flight that will run between 90 to 180 minutes in duration from launch to landing. These will generally be latex atmospheric weather balloon just like the National Weather Service uses.

### *Lifting Gas*

You'll need to fill your weather balloon with a lifting gas to ascend through the atmosphere and seal it before launch. It can take anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes to inflate and seal your balloon. Typically, you'll be using either helium or hydrogen. In the United States, most flights use helium due, because it's easier to find commercial and it's much safer to handle and transport. Hydrogen is cheaper and can give more lift due to its lower density, however, hydrogen is very flammable and must be handled with extreme care.

### *Amateur Radio Tracking*

Using amateur radio (ham radio) signals to track your high altitude balloon flight is by far the best option. Not only is it the most reliable method, but it is also very rewarding to develop and/or configure a computer tracking system yourself! Using a radio tracking method will allow you to receive positioning reports throughout the entire flight in roughly one minute increments. This allows you to follow the entire flight all the way up to burst altitude and even predict the landing location in real-time while the weather balloon payload is still in the air! In the United States (and many other countries), you'll need to obtain an amateur radio license first, which is not that hard to get.

Drones are cool but balloons are extremely cool! Get outside and do something extremely cool! Of course, not as extremely cool as riding your bike, but let's just assume there is nothing cooler.

Resource: [https://www.weather.gov/bmx/kidscorner\\_weatherballoons](https://www.weather.gov/bmx/kidscorner_weatherballoons)

## Safety Coordinator:

LeRoy Gross

## Why Should I Wear Protective Clothing On My Motorcycle?

Riding a motorcycle is thrilling, but it entails a certain degree of danger. It's almost impossible to ignore the inherent perils, but unfortunately, some bikers do ignore it. It's often the thrill that attracts us to riding, but best is to be prepared. If the professionals anticipate problems, who are we to ignore it? Professionals know what's best, so let's not ignore what they have to say.

To reduce potential problems, there are a certain number of steps we can undertake. Mind you, we can never eliminate them. Apart from learning properly how to control the bike under difficult circumstances, riding alert and pro-active, the only other thing we can do is wear a certain amount of protective clothing and gear. Ideally, we'd be wearing a protective bubble, but that's not realistic.

### Your Head

Obviously, the biggest protective gear we can purchase is the helmet. There are many debates about the use of helmets, many bikers want to have the freedom of not wearing one. But the same bikers have no problem wearing a helmet when playing football! Many see the helmet on a motorcycle as only good for when they have an accident, and since they are "great" riders, they never see themselves having an accident. And it's not just protecting your head from accidents, but what do you think about your hearing. You may be deaf to those arguments, but that's probably because of the wind and engine noise in your ears. Not to mention all those bugs hitting you in the face. Add to that sunstroke, and you've got a recipe for disaster.

But numerous bikers have died from head injuries because when they arrived at their destination, or at a stop, their foot slipped from under them, and the bikes went down, taking the rider with it. All you need to do is hit your head on the pavement from your seated position, and you can injure yourself badly, or worse.





Many bikers believe if they ride safely, and don't speed, they will be fine. The majority of accidents happened at relatively low speeds, typically lower than 30 mph.

60% of accident involved a car, while 9% involved the biker hitting the pavement by himself, i.e., falling from the motorcycle, often at a low or no speed. As an indication, more than half (54.3%) of all accidents happened at an intersection.

It's not that the biker was not able to ride properly, since 50.5% of all accidents are caused by a car driver (37.4% are biker error and the remainder are blamed on the environment, like road problems or weather, or technical/mechanical problems). So, no matter how good you ride, there's always someone on the road who is not paying attention, and can cause an accident.

So, a good helmet, preferably full face, but if not, one that has a visor, and is properly soundproofed is a very first step.

## Your Body

Clothing makes the man or woman, but in our case, proper clothing saves our lives, or at the very least, prevents us from seeking plastic surgery. Usually going off your motorcycle while the bike is still moving is not recommended, but sometimes you just don't control it. An accident that does not involve another vehicle is usually survivable. The biggest physical risk is the journey you make from your saddle to the ground. After that, just sit down (or lie down) and enjoy the ride. If you're thrown off from your bike while riding a road, you'll make an intimate acquaintance with asphalt. If you're wearing good leathers, both jacket and trousers, it's not going to be a big problem. Just hope there's no traffic behind you and no obstacles to bump into. But if you're wearing jeans, within a second, the jeans will have burned away and your body will be sliding over the pavement, leaving you with a nice asphalt tattoo.

Normal **jeans** will not stop road rash. Special motorcycle jeans, usually denim reinforced with Kevlar will prevent road rash, but no material is as resistant as leather. Just look at motorcycle races. A racer gets high-sided at 120 mph, and slides along the track and gravel for 5 seconds, and the racer gets up and looks for the crashed motorcycle to get on and continue the race. Try that with motorcycle jeans or other motorcycle trousers. Of course we're not racing on the roads, so special motorcycle clothes, though not leather, will help us remain beautiful and not scarred. Having armor on your knees is a good thing to have. Maybe not so comfortable to walk in, but if you're going to go down, your knees will be one of the first points of impact. And knees are not as strong as you think, in fact, they are as fragile as eggs.

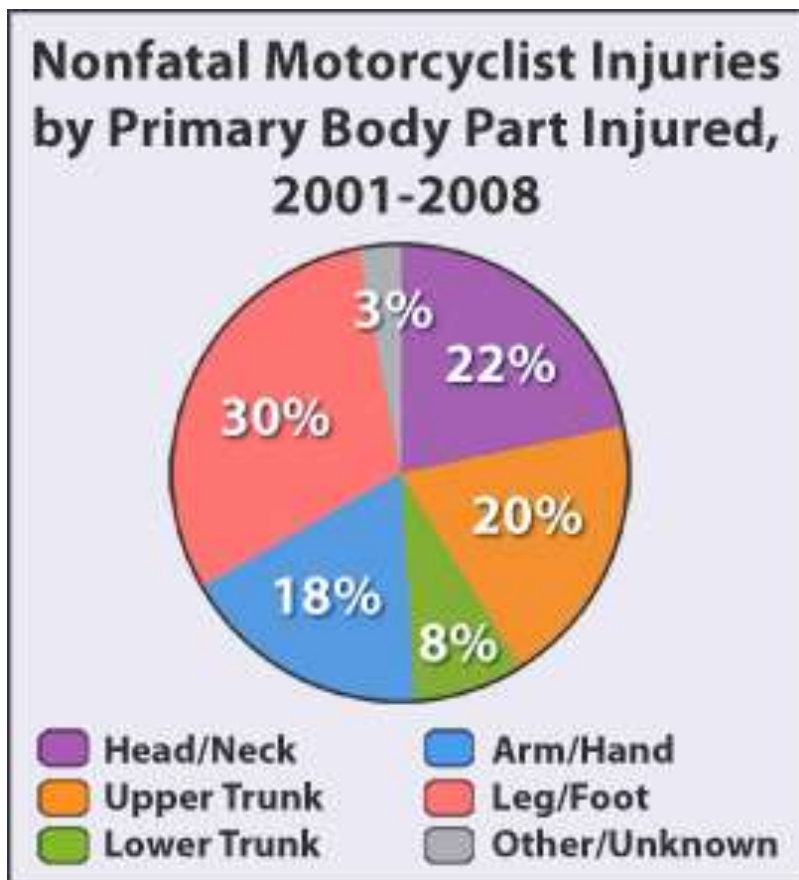
The same applies to **gloves**. Many bikers think gloves aren't of any use. Apart from protecting your hands from bugs hitting them, and keeping our hands warm in the winter, the obvious one is when you hit the pavement. Going down while riding is going to require medical intervention if you don't have gloves, it's guaranteed, but even if you drop the bike while at standstill will involve your hands hitting the ground first. It's a natural reflex, using your hands to soften the fall. Even then you can scrape your hands resulting in road rash. No matter how minor the road rash, it's not going to be pleasant.

**Jackets**, reinforced with armor at the elbows and back are equally important. Falling off your bike when riding usually means the first point of impact is your hands, followed by your elbows and/or back. Your elbows are very fragile, and an elbow fracture will be the least you'll have on an off.

## Ears

And finally, one area many ATGATT bikers don't think about, your **ears**. When traveling on your motorcycle at a speed of 60 mph, the very best helmets will let through 90 dB of noise. The noise is usually the wind turbulence mixed with engine and traffic sound. Imagine listening to 90 dB noise for hours on end. And that's for high-end helmets, mediocre ones let through 100 to 110 dB, enough to make you deaf for the rest of your life. Having ear plugs is a good idea. They are small enough to carry in your pocket, and you can either buy generic foam one-size-fits-all, or custom-made ones. You can even buy ones with small loudspeakers in them so

you can listen to music. For a few dollars, you can make sure when you get older, you'll still be able to hear things.



Source: CDC

So you may think that riding in a t-shirt and sandals is cool, but the consequences if you go off your bike aren't. If you think you are too good to have an accident, I've got news for you: you're a prime candidate for one. Better safe than sorry. Get yourself equipped.

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## VA Chapters: 2023 Location List <sup>(#)</sup>

Chapter	Area / Location	Chapter Director	Phone Number & Email	Monthly Gatherings
VA-C	Newport News IHOP 15447 Warwick Blvd 23608	John & Lynn Floyd (01/21)	757-838-0607 <a href="mailto:crayonjohnfloyd@gmail.com">crayonjohnfloyd@gmail.com</a>	<b>2nd Sunday</b>  4pm Social/Eating 5pm Gathering
VA-D	Richmond Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano 14235 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet (01/18)	804-938-9183 <a href="mailto:fritz.sassine@gmail.com">fritz.sassine@gmail.com</a>	<b>4th Wednesday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Gathering
VA-E	Fredericksburg Castiglia's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, 10705 Courthouse Rd, Fredericksburg	Joseph & Peggy Herron (01/22)	540-424-5852 <a href="mailto:jdheron6919@yahoo.com">jdheron6919@yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.battlefieldwings.com">www.battlefieldwings.com</a>	<b>3rd Wednesday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Gathering
VA-F	Abingdon Moose Lodge 15605 Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker (11/01)	276-628-6047 <a href="mailto:09nellie@comcast.net">09nellie@comcast.net</a>	<b>2nd Tuesday</b>  6pm Social/Eat 7pm Gathering
VA-K	Roanoke Great 611 Steak Company 3830 Franklin Rd.	Jim Dailey & Susan Stuppiello (6/19)	540-230-0511 <a href="mailto:DaileyENT@yahoo.com">DaileyENT@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:susanstuppiello@gmail.com">susanstuppiello@gmail.com</a>	<b>2nd Monday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Gathering
VA-L	Chesapeake Golden Corral 101 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake	Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas (1/20)	757-343-1783 (D) 954-599-5178 (L) <a href="mailto:Wingernut93@aol.com">Wingernut93@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:lorriemthomas@aol.com">lorriemthomas@aol.com</a>	<b>4th Tuesday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Gathering
VA-V	Bedford <b>NO FOOD</b> Bedford Church of God 1212 E Main St, Bedford	Jonathan Whitworth (04/17)	540-425-0028 <a href="mailto:OtterRideVAV@gmail.com">OtterRideVAV@gmail.com</a>	<b>3rd Sunday</b>  2pm Gathering <b>Eat Before/After</b>
VA-X	Salem Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church 1920 Lucas Street, Salem	Larry Stanton (01/15)	304-922-1401 <a href="mailto:Larry25022@gmail.com">Larry25022@gmail.com</a>	<b>1st Saturday</b>  3pm Gathering <b>Eat Before/After</b>

## Recalls:

NHTSA Recall ID Number : [23V006](#)

Manufacturer : Triumph Motorcycles America, Ltd.

Subject : Radiator Fan Motor May Fail and Cause Coolant Leak

Make	Model	Model Years
TRIUMPH	SPEED TRIPLE RR	2022-2023
TRIUMPH	SPEED TRIPLE RS	2022-2023

NHTSA Recall ID Number :[23V011](#)

Manufacturer :BMW of North America, LLC

Subject :Gearbox Input Shaft May Break

Make	Model	Model Years
BMW	R 1250 GS	2019-2023
BMW	R 1250 GS ADVENTURE	2019-2023
BMW	R 1250 RT	2019-2023

## Motorcyclists Update from the General Assembly

January 27, 2023

We are well into the short session of the General Assembly, and motorcyclists have had victories as well as disappointments. Let's start with the latter.

The Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM) once again introduced a lane filtering bill that mirrored legislation passed by the states of Arizona and Utah. In the past, we had received support on this issue, although not enough to make the practice law. This year there was no support. Legislators who sit on the Transportation Committee received complaints from constituents who objected to motorcyclists receiving preferential treatment in traffic. Basically, why should they move forward in stopped traffic when we can't? VCOM had some very good reasons why, but this is an election year, and constituent complaints win out in an election year.

VCOM members had good discussions with sympathetic legislators, and it appears that until we see more states adopting lane filtering laws (which we will) Virginia will not be inclined to follow suit. It would be particularly helpful if a few states who are east of the Mississippi would do so.

Once again, the old adage that the Commonwealth is slow to change proves true. VCOM thanks our good friend, Delegate Tony Wilt, for bringing that bill.

The other bill that VCOM asked to be introduced is a bill to amend the statutes that govern the Rider Training Program. The bill loosens restrictions on such things as class size, student to teacher ratio, and the types of motorcycles which may be used in the program. Virginia's statute was more restrictive than the MSF curriculum which we use. VCOM worked with both rider trainers and the DMV to draft language that we all believe will improve the Rider Training Program in Virginia.

If you would like to review the bill that was graciously introduced on our behalf by Delegate Robert Bloxom, you may do so here:

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<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?231+sum+HB2304>

Lastly, we saw three different bills that would have affected Virginia's laws concerning motor vehicle exhausts. There has been a growing problem in both Northern Virginia and Richmond with loud exhausts, particularly near residential areas at night.

VCOM believed these bills went too far. One would have implemented a prohibition of any exhaust that produced noise greater than 85 decibels.

One of the exhaust bills was defeated outright. Another was amended to make clear that it did not apply to any vehicle on the public roadways (It was aimed at the people who gather in parking lots late at night to do burnouts and rev their engines). The last, the one that would have set a decibel level restriction, was amended so as to direct VDOT to create a study group to look at this issue and recommend changes to the law. (That killed the decibel restriction for this year). Both VCOM and the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) will be a part of that study group.

That should bring everyone up to date so far. As always, if you have any questions about any of these bills, or any issue affecting motorcyclists, please feel free to reach out to me.

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Virginia State Police just announced a new event and we wanted to make sure you were the first to know!



**FREE - Ride 2 Save Lives Motorcycle Assessment - (RICHMOND) Dates below at 9:00 AM  
11501 Hull Street Rd. - Midlothian, VA 23112 (Click on the date for more information and to save your spot).**

[Sat, Apr 1, 2023](#)

[Sat, April 22, 2023](#)

[Sat. May 20, 2023](#)

[Sat, Jun 10, 2023 \(Charlottesville\)](#)



**JUNE 29th -  
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- Baymont Inn**  
1426 West Hudson Dr Litchfield, IL 217-318-5525
- Quality Inn**  
1010 East Columbian Blvd North Litchfield, IL 217-324-9285
- Super 8 by Wyndham**  
1527 Herman Rd Staunton, IL 815-838-5353
- Cortis Villa Motel**  
1885 State Rte 4 Carlinville, IL 217-854-3281
- The Cabins and Cottages at Shale Lake**  
1490 Washington Ave Staunton, IL 815-837-2479
- Lazy Days Campground**  
22755 White Fort Lane Litchfield, IL 217-324-2121
- Country Bend Campground**  
3279 Honey Bend Ave Litchfield, IL 217-324-2362
- Kamper Kompanion RV Park**  
98388 East Frontage Rd Litchfield, IL 217-324-4747
- Sherwood Forest Campground**  
920 City Lake Rd Hillabrook, IL 217-532-5213
- Ramada by Wyndham**  
2707 Veterans Ave Vandalia, IL 618-599-4222
- La Quinta Inn & Suites**  
1121 LeJune Dr Springfield, IL 61893 217-897-9586
- Comfort Inn & Suites**  
3075 S. 6th St. Springfield, IL 62703 217-529-8836

## Hotels In Collinsville

- Comfort Inn Collinsville**  
8 Commerce Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234, US 618-477-8948
- Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis Collinsville**  
600 N Bluff Rd. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 345-7700
- Double Tree by Hilton Hotel**  
3000 Eastport Plaza Dr. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 345-2800
- Days Inn by Wyndham Collinsville**  
12 Commerce Dr. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 803-4032
- Super 8 by Wyndham Collinsville St. Louis**  
2 Gateway Dr. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 223-5383
- La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Collinsville- St. Louis**  
8 Gateway Dr. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 855-8400
- Hampton Inn Collinsville**  
7 Commerce Dr. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 346-4400
- Americas Best Value Inn Collinsville St. Louis**  
862 Ramada Blvd. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 346-9500
- Fairfield Inn by Marriot St. Louis**  
4 Gateway Dr. Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 346-9566



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## Chapter Tri Schedule: 2023

Event Name / Location	Date/ Start Time	MC Required	Volunteers First Name	Volunteers First Name	Meeting Location / Time / Notes
Smithfield Sprint Smithfield, VA	Saturday 4/1 10am	3			
Rumpus in Bumpass Sprint and Olympic Lake Anna, VA	Saturday 4/22 9am	4			
General Smallwood Olympic/Sprint Indian Head, MD	Saturday 4/29 7am	4			
Kinetic Lake Anna, VA	Saturday 5/13 7am	6			
Kinetic Lake Anna, VA	Sunday 5/14 7am	4			
Jamestown Triathlon Olympic/Sprint Jamestown, VA	Saturday 6/17 7am	4			
Jamestown Triathlon Olympic/Sprint Jamestown, VA	Sunday 6/18 7am	4			
Colonial Beach Triathlon, Sprint/Olympic Colonial Beach, VA	Saturday 7/15 6:50am	3			
Colonial Beach Triathlon, Sprint/Olympic Colonial Beach, VA	Sunday 7/16 6:50am	3			
Culpeper Triathlon Sprint/Olympic Culpeper, VA	Saturday 7/29 7:30am	4			
Patriots Triathlon Festival Williamsburg, VA	Saturday 9/9 7am	6			
Patriots Triathlon Festival Williamsburg, VA	Sunday 9/10 7am	4			
Giant Acorn Triathlon Festival Lake Anna, VA	Saturday 9/23 8am	4			
Giant Acorn Triathlon Festival Lake Anna, VA	Sunday 9/24 8am	4			
Pleasants Landing Lake Anna, VA	Saturday 10/7 9am	4			

 Volunteers still needed for the event.

## Fun Stuff:

### St. Patrick's Day

S A S S E N N I U G E V E N T S P  
I Y A D I L O H N T Y Y P A E P O  
C T H I S T O R Y R A R P K G O T  
I L S O D A B R E A D A A I R H A  
S C O K L H T N E E T N E V E S T  
U C I V N V H D E R S O I D E I O  
M E I C E U A C O N A I T L N B E  
E L C H E R A N R I E S E K B F S  
G T H T A L S H R A F S C F E U F  
A I R P R A E E C T M I I E F E D  
T C I G I A L B S E R M B T S G H  
I C S N N A D A R E R D H T Y A O  
R R T R N I F I M A E P I C E B L  
E O I D E L C I T N T V E K A B Y  
H S A S E E L N R I A I R L R A D  
E S N B H N B O A L O O O T L C A  
S H A M R O C K U D C N R N Y Y Y

BEER  
BELFAST  
BISHOP  
CABBAGE  
CELEBRATION  
CELTIC CROSS  
CHRISTIAN  
CLOVER  
CORK  
CORNED BEEF

DANCING  
DUBLIN  
EVENTS  
FEAST DAY  
FESTIVAL  
GREEN  
GUINNESS  
HERITAGE  
HISTORY  
HOLIDAY

HOLY DAY  
IRELAND  
IRISH  
LEPRECHAUN  
LIMERICK  
MARCH  
MISSIONARY  
MUSIC  
PARADE  
PATRON SAINT

POTATOES  
SEVENTEENTH  
SHAMROCK  
SNAKES  
SODA BREAD  
TRADITION  
YEARLY



## Spring

T L E M W O N S S S A R G L A  
G C Y C L A M E N S A L I L P  
G N G R O W T H R L L L L R S  
O Y I I D L S A R A I E S N N  
L A L N K A I E B E R R O H E  
F M L O A N F E S G M I P W W  
E N A E E E S F I U L R R A L  
I O B Q R A L E O E C S A B E  
R S T U B E S C D D F O S W A  
I A F I G R N N G L I N R H V  
S E O N N R A E O N I L C C E  
E S S O I D E W W B I R S B S  
S I N X R G E E O A A R M E G  
A Y F L P R O R N M L W P E O  
E T E W S S P I L U T R S S R  
R E T S A E P L A N T I N G F

ALLERGIES	FROGS	RAIN
APRIL	GOLF	RENEWAL
BASEBALL	GRASS	ROBINS
BEES	GREEN	SEASON
CROCUSES	GROWTH	SNOWMELT
CYCLAMENS	IRISES	SOFTBALL
DAFFODILS	LILIES	SPRING BREAK
DANDELIONS	MARCH	SPRING CLEANING
EASTER	MAY	TULIPS
EQUINOX	NEW LEAVES	WARMER
FLOWERS	PLANTING	WET

## Delicious Desserts

B S E W H G N I D D U P D A E R B E E E N  
R R I S Y C A R R O T C A K E F D S K R F  
O I P O T U H A M L A R E P L A S A T E U  
W A E R F R V E E A E E S A E U C R L L D  
N L L I A O A M E S E I N R O T I C P B G  
I C P N L I O T L S R R B M R F G I L B E  
E E P V S N S L R C E R C O L T R N U O L  
S S A E B S A I E E E C H E S E S N M C T  
M P E A D B E L N G T S A C C B N A S H T  
A O R U M S P L N P Y T H K A I O M Q C I  
J S N U G P S I B R U O U N E O O O U A R  
E T R K A N G A R M C D A B A L R N A E B  
L U I T E I I E D O U N D M O N A R R P T  
L E G R I Y B R L A A R B I L S C O E B U  
Y A E P A W B A E S N R C E N R A L S A N  
R D L A A M T R P M O A D T E G M L S K S  
O N A R T E I L E S R U P P I E S S S L O  
L U T F C E I S I A R D E M S U P E L A R  
L S O A L T E A U T D S D S E T R O T V B  
S B K I A C A K S A L A D E K A B F K A E  
W E A T R P I N E A P P L E D E L I G H T  
D S C R E M E B R U L E E P A S T R I E S

AMBROSIA  
APPLE CRISP  
APPLE PIE  
BAKED ALASKA  
BAKLAVA  
BANANA SPLIT  
BREAD PUDDING  
BROWNIES  
BUTTER TARTS  
CARROT CAKE  
CHEESE CAKE  
CHOCOLATE CAKE

CINNAMON ROLLS  
CREME BRULEE  
CREPES  
ECLAIRS  
EMPANADAS  
FLAN  
FRUIT CRUMBLE  
FUDGE  
GELATO  
GINGERBREAD  
ICE CREAM

JELLY ROLLS  
LEMON BARS  
MACAROONS  
MERINGUES  
MONKEY BREAD  
MOUSSE  
NUT BRITTLE  
PARFAIT  
PASTRIES  
PAVLOVA  
PEACH COBBLER

PINEAPPLE DELIGHT  
PLUM SQUARES  
RAISIN PUDDING  
RUM BALLS  
SORBET  
STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE  
STRUDEL  
SUNDAE  
TIRAMISU  
TORTES  
TRIFLE

## Fears and Phobias

D O L L S R E J E C T I O N S M R O W T  
N D O G S R O L L E R C O A S T E R S H  
F O S E K A N S P I D E R S N R G T E U  
R D L O G N I T T E G L D I U N H I C N  
O N G C S N I N H L O R A L I I S F A D  
G E I M R G E E S U I P I K D S L S P E  
S H R S N O I E D B S A A T E T A M S R  
O E O I E G W N T T F E B S N C T R D C  
G G Y R H C O D N R P E I F T E I O E O  
T L N T R I A E S S I C E A I S P T S C  
F H S I S O M P C R K H W H S N S S O K  
R C E E L E R I S N L A T H T I O E L R  
E L S D S L L M E N S I A R S A H E C O  
T O E A A B A S O P E R G S E F E B N A  
A W B D U R S F S V K P O H T B I D E C  
W N I P T I K S O S I B O T T S M R N H  
R S L S E L D E E N Y E L T C N O U E E  
A O B E P E O P L E U N S O D O I H N S  
T S N O O L L A B G N I P P O P D N G E  
S R S T A B G N I V I R D S T D O O G D

BASEMENTS

BATS

BEES

BIRDS

BLOOD

CLOWNS

COCKROACHES

CROWDS

DEATH

DENTISTS

DOCTORS

DOGS

DOLLS

DRIVING

ENCLOSED SPACES

FAILURE

FALLING

FIRE

FLYING

FROGS

GERMS

GETTING OLD

GHOSTS

HEIGHTS

HORROR MOVIES

HOSPITALS

INSECTS

LIGHTNING

LOUD NOISES

NEEDLES

NUMBER THIRTEEN

OPEN SPACES

PAIN

PEOPLE

POPPING BALLOONS

PUBLIC SPEAKING

RATS

REJECTION

ROLLER COASTERS

SHARKS

SICKNESS

SNAKES

SPIDERS

STORMS

THE DARK

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WATER

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## Answers:

