



# The Battlefield Buzz



Virginia District Chapter-E Fredericksburg, VA

Region N

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## Chapter Director



### Greetings Chapter E and friends

As we prepare for a leadership change for Chapter E, all positions have been tentatively filled except for the position of Newsletter Editor.

**“NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Compiles and edits the Chapter newsletter and distributes, at least monthly, to all interested parties. Receives articles from the Chapter Director, Team Members and participants. Works with the Correspondence Secretary for information on mailing list, Chapter activity calendar, help with mailings, etc

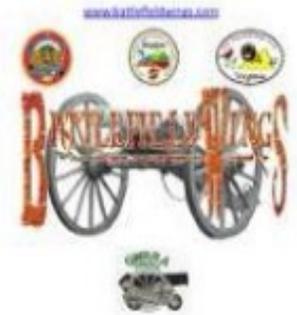
**NEWSLETTERS:** Newsletters inform Members and Officers of what’s going on. No matter how plain or fancy, the central purpose of its existence is to be a communications medium for and to the Members. Chapter participants cannot be charged an additional fee to receive a newsletter; nor should Members be solicited for a contribution to receive a newsletter. Newsletter costs should be charged off as an operating expense to the Chapter and paid for from the Chapter operating funds. It should be available to all interested Members. The format you choose may undergo some experimenting, but the “heading” of the newsletter must have the Chapter name, or initials and the GWRRA logo on it to indicate that it is a GWRRA newsletter. Your Region, District and Chapter letter designation should also be visible, along with the month and year. The Newsletter will provide

you an opportunity to “talk” with the Members on a one-to-one basis and is **never** to be used as a platform for personal tirades or “politicking” for, or against, a particular cause. Information from Home Office, Region and District should be included for the edification of the Members and to assist them in understanding the concept, goals and workings of GWRRA. Other contributions will come from folks like your Rider Educator with items on safety. Members and/or team may submit interesting items about trips, experiences, anniversaries, etc. All Chapters within a District are encouraged to exchange complimentary newsletters with copies sent to your District, Region and the Home Office in Phoenix. Newsletters should be distributed at least monthly to all Chapter participants. Sometimes, Chapters “piggy-back” their information with a “sister-Chapter” or participate in a District publication for more efficient use of resources. This is acceptable. We know many distribute newsletters through email or on your web sites; but we must also remember there are those Members who do not have access to the Internet. Therefore, hard copies of newsletters should be mailed to those Members.

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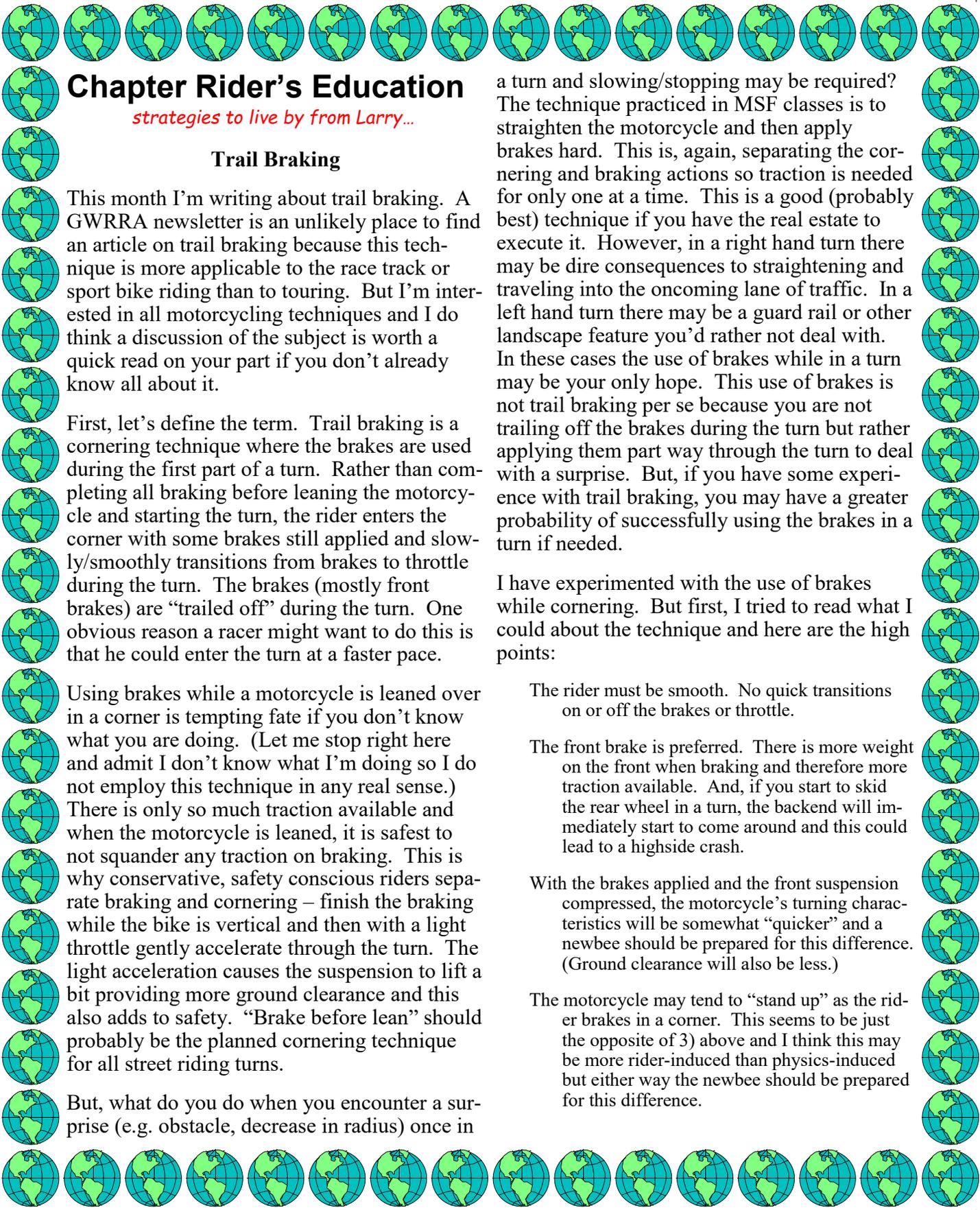
Chapter’s Social Gathering every  
3rd Wednesday of each month

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## Chapter Rider's Education

*strategies to live by from Larry...*

### Trail Braking

This month I'm writing about trail braking. A GWRRA newsletter is an unlikely place to find an article on trail braking because this technique is more applicable to the race track or sport bike riding than to touring. But I'm interested in all motorcycling techniques and I do think a discussion of the subject is worth a quick read on your part if you don't already know all about it.

First, let's define the term. Trail braking is a cornering technique where the brakes are used during the first part of a turn. Rather than completing all braking before leaning the motorcycle and starting the turn, the rider enters the corner with some brakes still applied and slowly/smoothly transitions from brakes to throttle during the turn. The brakes (mostly front brakes) are "trailed off" during the turn. One obvious reason a racer might want to do this is that he could enter the turn at a faster pace.

Using brakes while a motorcycle is leaned over in a corner is tempting fate if you don't know what you are doing. (Let me stop right here and admit I don't know what I'm doing so I do not employ this technique in any real sense.) There is only so much traction available and when the motorcycle is leaned, it is safest to not squander any traction on braking. This is why conservative, safety conscious riders separate braking and cornering – finish the braking while the bike is vertical and then with a light throttle gently accelerate through the turn. The light acceleration causes the suspension to lift a bit providing more ground clearance and this also adds to safety. "Brake before lean" should probably be the planned cornering technique for all street riding turns.

But, what do you do when you encounter a surprise (e.g. obstacle, decrease in radius) once in

a turn and slowing/stopping may be required? The technique practiced in MSF classes is to straighten the motorcycle and then apply brakes hard. This is, again, separating the cornering and braking actions so traction is needed for only one at a time. This is a good (probably best) technique if you have the real estate to execute it. However, in a right hand turn there may be dire consequences to straightening and traveling into the oncoming lane of traffic. In a left hand turn there may be a guard rail or other landscape feature you'd rather not deal with. In these cases the use of brakes while in a turn may be your only hope. This use of brakes is not trail braking per se because you are not trailing off the brakes during the turn but rather applying them part way through the turn to deal with a surprise. But, if you have some experience with trail braking, you may have a greater probability of successfully using the brakes in a turn if needed.

I have experimented with the use of brakes while cornering. But first, I tried to read what I could about the technique and here are the high points:

- The rider must be smooth. No quick transitions on or off the brakes or throttle.
- The front brake is preferred. There is more weight on the front when braking and therefore more traction available. And, if you start to skid the rear wheel in a turn, the backend will immediately start to come around and this could lead to a highside crash.
- With the brakes applied and the front suspension compressed, the motorcycle's turning characteristics will be somewhat "quicker" and a newbie should be prepared for this difference. (Ground clearance will also be less.)
- The motorcycle may tend to "stand up" as the rider brakes in a corner. This seems to be just the opposite of 3) above and I think this may be more rider-induced than physics-induced but either way the newbie should be prepared for this difference.

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### Trail Braking—Continuing

Countersteering is still the way to make mid-corner heading adjustments.

According to what I've read, the suggested way to experiment is what you would expect. Start by using very light braking (mostly front) with the motorcycle not leaned over very far (go slower) and on subsequent practice turns use more brakes (mostly front) at greater lean angles. Above all, be smooth. There is some point (lots of brake and lots of lean) where physics will demand a crash. I wish I could know where that point is without suffering a crash to find out but I can't so I'm not taking this too far, I'm just getting comfortable with it in hopes that I won't be too uncomfortable if I ever come upon a mid-corner surprise.

Please don't take this article as a challenge for you to try any of this.

It's right for me even though I am increasing my personal risk (at least in the short term) but a smarter rider might avoid trail braking like the plague. Should you choose to experiment as I am, you should read lots more on the subject than I've included here. What I do challenge you to do is identify some riding skill you feel could be improved and improve it. Read what you can find on the subject, plan how you can practice it (including picking an appropriate place), and then get to it. Don't expect results overnight. If it were that easy you probably would have mastered it long ago.

Larry





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# 2016 VA~E Battlefield Wings

## August

**2 – Team Meeting**

8-14 – Sturgis

**17 – Gathering**

18 – Kentucky Rally August 18 -  
20/2016 Kentucky District Conven-  
tion "The Blast" Cave City, Kentucky

**31 – Wing Ding 38 Billings,  
MT- Aug 31- Sept 3, 2016**

**Blazing the Beartooths ~ Metra  
Park, Billings, MT**

<http://wing-ding.org>

## Sept

1-3 – Wing Ding 38 Continues

**6 – Team Meeting**

**10th and 11th Triathlon, Williamsburg,  
Va**

17 VA-A Fun Day

**21 – Gathering**

21-24 – Bikes, Blues & BBQ,  
Fayetteville, AK

22 – North Carolina Rally

Sept 22-24 “Wings of the Smokies”  
Cherokee, NC

**24 – Giant Acorn International, Lake  
Anna, Va (4)**

**TIME: 9:00 AM**

**DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**PLACE: Lake Anna State Park, VA**

**DISTANCE: 1500 Meter Swim (lake);  
42K Bike (rolling hills); 10K Run  
(rolling hills)**

**AQUABIKE: Yes**

**25 – Giant Acorn Sprint, Lake Anna,  
VA (4)**

**TIME: 9:00 AM**

**DATE: Sunday, September 25, 2016**

**PLACE: Lake Anna State Park, VA**

**DISTANCE: 750 Meter Swim (lake);  
15.5 Mile Bike (rolling hills); 5K Run  
(rolling hills)**

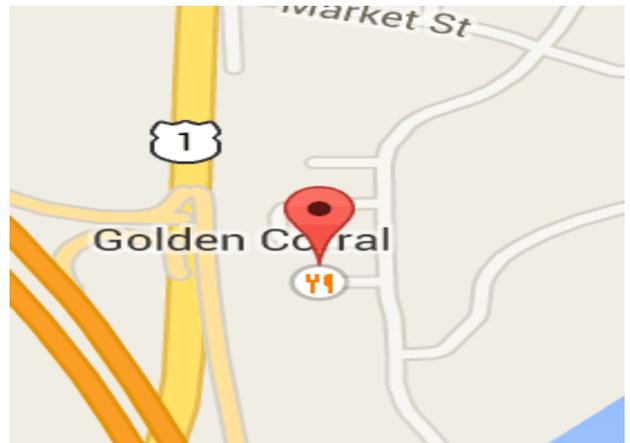


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- Rider Educator ~ Larry Gray
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- Triathlon On-Site Coordinator ~ Butch Groves
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- Technical Coordinators ~ Greg Kestner, Larry Gray
- Newsletter Editor ~ **VACANT/Filled by CD**
- Webdude ~ Rob Hardisty
- Chapter Pride Coordinator ~ Nancy Groves

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At chapter "E" we emphasize that we indeed are a team of riders/co-riders interested in Goldwings, motorcycle riding, good food and most of all, having fun. Some think that we are mostly interested in eating. You will need to join and be the judge! Come on out and join us! We would love to see you! We meet to eat at 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month and the chapter meeting starts at 7:30pm. We are located **10320 Spotsylvania Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22408**, about 50 miles south of Washington D.C. and about 50 miles north of Richmond, VA.

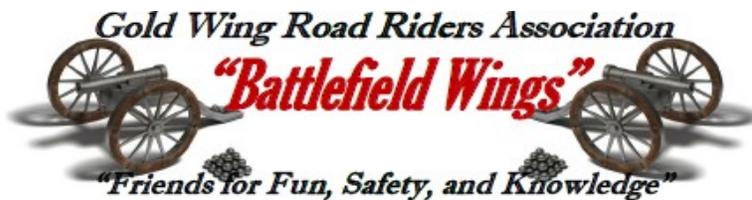


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