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Thoughts from Gordon and Julie

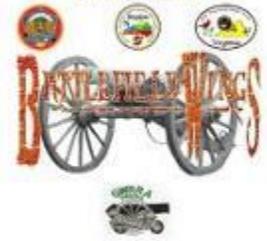
Greetings E Team,

Winter is definitely not my favorite time of the year. I like being outside and enjoying a warm breeze and some warm rays. But winter is a great time to get all those inside projects done and I have been working on some of mine. One of those projects was to remove every single item from every single storage place on my wing and evaluate their need to stay, go or be changed. I had been carrying some items I really did not need, and, after reading emails from fellow chapter participants, added some items. I went through my first aid kit and replaced some items as recommended. I beefed up the amount of tools that I carry (not that I know how to use them, but someone with me might), I rearranged where I carry some items, and even found some items I'm glad I carried but forgot I had them. I added gas stabilizer to the gas can I recently started carrying, and I replaced my gold book with the latest and greatest version. I made sure my insurance card was current along with the registration, I added a few bungee cords, some eye glass cleaner, and I made sure I had a small writing pad of paper and a working pen. All of this gives me a little more peace of mind when I'm out on my bike. I also went through my wing cabinet (I have a cabinet in my garage dedicated to my beloved bike) and replaced outdated fluids and cleaners and organized it. My next project will be to check every single visible screw, nut or whatever on my wing and make sure everything is ready to ride and not have any surprises. Even when it is bitter cold out, I was still able to be involved with my bike...it sure made a dreary winter day brighter.

Gordon

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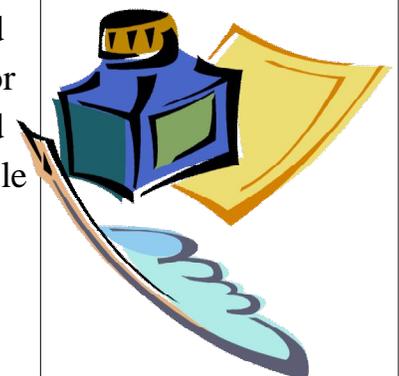


Chapter's Social Gathering
every 3rd Wednesday of each
month @6:30 pm at the

Golden Corral,

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Chapter Rider's Education

strategies to live by from Larry and Dan...

Larry's Toy Helicopter

The other day I visited a friend. His grandson was visiting him at the time and he had a "Gyrocopter" -- a toy remote-control helicopter. Maybe you have seen one (or have one??). I was hooked in about 60 seconds. The thing can only be used indoors because it is very light (a couple of ounces) and would be completely overwhelmed by the lightest wind. The remote control unit has two joysticks: one just moves up and down and it controls rotor speed so you can make the helicopter go up and down; the other joystick moves up, down, left, and right and controls the pointing direction of the helicopter and whether it goes forward or backward. Pretty simple. Furthermore, the helicopter has, in essence, a computer that helps keep it level "so even a child can fly it." For \$35 (Costco) I had to have one.

So, you ask, why is our CE telling us about his new toy? What does his toy have to do with motorcycle safety? Bear with me just a few more sentences.

To review, remember, all you have to do to fly this thing is move the left joystick up or down to control height, move the right joystick up or down to go forward or backward, and move the right joystick left or right to turn left or right. There is nothing unusual about the controls and they work exactly as I've described. Two hands give you complete control of the helicopter.

So, I charged the battery, turned the thing on, and started to "play." Unfortunately, "play" turned out to be a euphemism for "crash a lot." I'd get it up in the air a couple of feet and it would either start to climb a little faster than I wanted, start to sink back toward the floor, start to turn, or do something else I wasn't anticipating. In theory, this should have been no problem at all. I had the remote control unit in my hands and knew everything I described in the paragraph above. If the helicopter started to climb a little faster than I wanted, all I had to do was position the left joystick down a little. Or, if it started to turn left, I just needed to push the right joystick a little to the right to stop it. I knew all that but, darn it all, when I needed to put that knowledge into practice, I'd either do the wrong thing or delay in doing the right thing and the next thing I knew I had crashed.

Surely you now see how this all relates to motorcycling. Flying this helicopter is child's play (literally) compared to operating a motorcycle. With the helicopter you only have to control three things. With a Gold Wing, you have to manipulate the throttle, the brakes, the handlebars, the clutch, the gear shift, and several ancillary controls.

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**Knowledge for
safe and fun Mo-
torcycling!!!**



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Mostly, these controls work as you would expect and even someone with only a passing knowledge of motorcycles can tell you what each is for (a newbie may not fully understand countersteering and how the handlebars should be used). I'm sure none of us would have the least bit of trouble describing what each of these motorcycle controls are used for. But, just because a person understands how these controls should be used does not mean that person will automatically use them the way he/she "intellectually" knows they should be used.

A couple of months back I harped on the need to develop good habits. The message this month is the same and I repeat it without apology. Head knowledge is not enough to keep us safe. We need to ride and put ourselves in situations so we can actually experience those situations and learn/practice how to effectively deal with them. Here is what I'm suggesting: "stretch" a little when you are out on your own and conditions are perfect. The key point is stretch only "a little" at a time or you, like my toy helicopter, might crash. For instance, suppose you want to work on better cornering. Spend some time on a road you are thoroughly familiar with and ride the same curve or curves over and over. If you find you go to the inside of the curve too quickly (a common problem), work to apex later and keep at it until that becomes very comfortable. Or, as another example, if your maximum effort straight line braking seems to be subpar (you know you should be able to stop in a shorter distance but don't because you don't trust your tire's traction), practice progressively squeezing the front brake lever just a little more until you overcome the fear that your tire will lose grip.

Or, here is an equally good alternate suggestion. Instead of refining your skills on a road you are intimately familiar with, get out and ride some roads you are not familiar with that will present riding situations you don't see every day. For instance, we have some hills and mountains nearby. If you haven't spent much time riding in hilly terrain with many curves, give it a careful try. You will experience new/unusual situations and develop skills that you might find very beneficial at some future time in your riding career. Better to have seen these situations (uphill curves, downhill curves, off camber curves, other traffic) when you are riding conservatively and expecting to see something new than being surprised by them when you are not. (I like the idea of doing this on your own so there is no peer pressure to ride more aggressively than you want -- none of us have exactly the same proficiencies and what might be a cake walk for one would be challenging for another.)

In summary, my toy helicopter pointed out quite graphically that knowing and even being able to precisely describe how to handle any motor skill situation is not enough. Head knowledge is, at best, only a good beginning in the process of developing these skills. Actual experience is needed to train your brain to instinctively issue the right commands to your hands, feet, and other body muscles that control your motorcycle.

Speaking of head knowledge, although it isn't enough, it is the necessary starting point for skill development. It therefore makes sense to expose yourself to expert opinions -- expert opinions on the myriad techniques that have proved effective in safe motorcycle operation. Reading books sounds like a good idea, doesn't it.



BATTLEFIELDWINGS, VA-E

FEBRUARY 2013

TECH TIPS

from the Webdude

Chapter VA-E, Fredericksburg

I am the Webmaster for the official website of the Battlefield Wings chapter of the Goldwing Road Riders Association (GWRRA). I provide a technical, off-topic view of some of the most common things folks face in their daily lives.



Keeping your cell phone charged can be task all in itself!

In the today's digital whirlwind, mobile phones have become a staple in our lives and I would even go as far for some, to say "a lifeline". These little things keep us organized, keep us in touch with our loved ones (and some not-so-loved), and keep us entertained. But what good are they when the battery dies? Our lives come to a screeching halt! We're frantically searching for a receptacle where we can recharge and reconnect. Admittedly, that can be me at times. With a little forethought, there are some things that we can do to mitigate that feeling of disconnect. Here are a few things that I am talking about.

Extra Charger

I keep a charger by my bed so that I remember to plug my phone in before going to bed. I also keep one at work in case I forget to charge my phone overnight at home. That happens quite a bit for me!

Dim your Display

The biggest drain on your battery is usually your display. In my experiences, I have found that turning down the brightness actually increases the efficiency of my battery, thus increasing usage time. You may have to turn off auto-brightness to accomplish this. A dim display may not be very effective outdoors with the bright sun shining.

Battery Life App

For you smartphone users, you may consider using an app that actually generates personalized responses for increasing battery life on your device. Carat is one such app. I don't personally use it, but I have read some really good reviews in the Apple AppStore, rating it 4+, which is excellent! In fact, it's free! So why not??



Now we're on Facebook! Check us out at
www.facebook.com/chaptere.fredericksburg



Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Ellen and Charlie Smith

Hello fellow GWRRA riders,

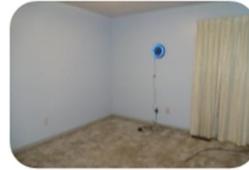
Well sorry we haven't sent in an update recently, we've been helping our daughter Jessica who just bought her first house and she did it all by herself. We've been painting and Charlie took the carpet up from her dining room and put laminate down. It seems like we've been going over there every day for at least a couple hours and all day on the weekends. Jessica and the grandkids are in and they seem to like it. Charlie and I couldn't be more proud of her and all she's accomplished in the last 2 ½ yrs. Little Charlie is still watching the kids before and after school so we see them every day.



once the carpet is up



Charlie painting Samantha's room Pink of course



Benny's room after it's done



We just want to put out to everyone that we're having our annual maintenance day at our house on April 6, 2013. Everyone is welcome whether you have anything that needs done on your bike or you just want to visit with everyone and get out and ride over. We have a large garage and lots of room to work on your bike.

Ellen and Charlie Smith

MEC VA-E



Events/Ride/Photos

Below find pictures provided from the Wingless Weekend !!!





MONSTER MADNESS



February 23, 2013
Doors open at 4:00 p.m. - Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Gore Fire Hall
Route 50 West of Winchester

\$600 Grand Prize Gift Certificate

RESERVE YOUR SEATS EARLY AS WE ONLY ACCEPT THE FIRST 200 REGISTRATIONS
ALL PROCEEDS TO CAMP FANTASTIC!!!!

NAME: _____ Number adults in party you are paying for
Chapter: _____ Number of children
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA or co-sponsoring organization or property owner for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by our participation in this event. I/We agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage. I have read and agree with the above. (All members in your party must sign the disclosure statement.)

Signature

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DEADLINE FOR PRE-RESERVATIONS: February 16th, 2013



\$10.00 per person (Remittance required with registration form
- NO REFUNDS)
Tickets at door (if available): \$12.00
Children 6-12 years: \$6.00
Children under 6 years: Free

Return to: George & Brenda Tincher
148 Hogue Creek Lane
Winchester, VA 22603

For more information call:
George and Brenda Tincher
(540) 303-2223

Courtyard by Marriot on Rt. 50 – (800) 321-2211
King and double occupancy rooms \$75.00 a night -
includes breakfasts for Friday, February 22 and
Saturday, February 23. Inform the Courtyard that
you are attending the Crazy Supper event.
Deadline for special rate is February 8th

Classified Ads / "E" nouncements

Win A New 2012 Honda Gold Wing!

Take part in GWRRA's "Ticket to Ride" Gold Wing Contest



GWRRA will be raffling off a brand new 2012 Gold Wing GL1800 with Audio Comfort Navi XM to all Members who join or renew their membership from now through September 30, 2013. Each one-year membership or renewal will earn 1 ticket into the raffle. **BUT WAIT...** there's even more ways to earn your "Ticket to Ride"! Earn additional tickets by doing the following:

- Join or renew for 2 years=3 tickets
- Join or renew for 3 years=5 tickets
- Partidpate in our Member directory (*Gold Book*)=1 ticket
- Each \$50 purchase from our GWRRA "Official Products Store"=1 ticket
- Recruit a new membership to GWRRA=3 tickets—the new membership you recruit also receives a ticket to win!
- Register for Wing Ding=5 tickets (wing-ding.org)

With so many ways to win, what are you waiting for...
call today to join or renew your membership! [and win!]

(800) 843-9460

Wing Ding, Official Products Orders and membership dues tickets/points will be added to the Member listed on the invoice. After payment is taken, tickets/points will not be transferred to another Member record for the purpose of consolidating points.

For Official Contest Rules, please visit GWRRA.org

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What is the Horizon Program: *The Horizon Program is a fast track overview of the core LTP curriculum with "hands on" training of practical applications and an excellent class for potential CDs and staff. Horizon is also a great class for the general membership to learn more about teamwork, self-awareness, interpersonal communication, and building better chapters. Members learn about how to have FUN in GWRRA in a challenging day and a half course filled with lots of surprises. It is an interactive program – the more everyone participates, the more everyone learns!*

April 13 & 14 2013

Saturday: 7:30 AM– 6:00 PM & Sunday: 7:30 AM—2:00 PM

Conference Information:

POCs:

Ken Taylor: 703 819 6766, gldwing_rider@verizon.net
Rick Baker: 703 298 0844, rickbaker2006@verizon.net

Hotel and Conference Location:

Holiday Inn: 1901 Emmet St (Highway 29)
 Charlottesville, VA
Group Rate: VA District Goldwing Road Riders Assoc. \$109.00
PHONE: 434 977 7700
Class Location: North Garden Volunteer Fire Department
 4925 Plank Road, Charlottesville, VA

Registration Form: **RSVP not later than 8 March 2013.** No cancellations after 8 March 2013.
 Cut across the dotted line and send registration and check to Ken Taylor, 18845 Pier Trail Drive, Triangle, VA 22172
 Make Checks payable to GWRRA VA District. If we do not have enough to have class refunds will be issued!
 Please Print Clearly. This information will be used on your certificate!

Rider: _____ GWRRRA# _____

Co Rider: _____ GWRRRA# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone#: _____ Best Email: _____

District: _____ Chapter: _____ Position: _____

Registration: \$20.00 X _____ = _____ (Includes Lunch)

Total: _____

I would like an email registration confirmation: _____

Schedule of Events

We have a number of events coming up so please mark your calendars.....

February 20th, Wednesday, E Team Social Gathering.
February 24th, Sunday, VA-B Virginia Beach Polar Bear Run,
Gordon is leading a ride down, weather permitting.



March 16th, Saturday, VA-K Roanoke Chile Cook Off, Gordon is leading a ride down, weather permitting.

March 20th, Wednesday, E Team Social Gathering.

March 30th, Saturday, CPR training at Salem Library.

April 6th, Saturday, Maintenance Day at Charlie and Ellen's.

April 13th and 14th, Horizon Program in Charlottesville

April 17th, Wednesday, E Team Social Gathering.

April 20th, Saturday, MS Walk in downtown Fredericksburg.



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VA-A	Northern Virginia	Mary O'Connor (11/09)	703-378-3873 eMail: maryoc4429@aim.com	2nd Wed. - 7:30 pm - Commons Community Center, 5701 Roberts Parkway, Burke, VA 22015
VA-B	Virginia Beach	Bob & Ann Lutton (8/11)	757-641-5510 eMail: b.lutton@verizon.net	2nd Wed. - 7 pm -BUFFET CITY, 3877 Holland Rd, #416, Va. Beach, Va. 23462
VA-C	Hampton/Newport News	Mel Brooks (01/12)	757-596-7943 eMail: mrmelb@cox.net	2nd Sun. - 7 pm - Angelo's Steak & Pancake House, 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News
VA-D	Richmond	Allen & Debbie Dowell (01/13)	04-222-1303 eMail: dowellmickey@comcast.net	4th Wed. - 7 pm - Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano 14235 Midlthoian Turnpike 804-379-0910
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Gordon Combs (08/10)	540-840-0394 eMail: gorcom@msn.com	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm - Golden Corral, 10320 Spotsylvania Ave, Fredericksburg, VA
VA-F	Winchester	George & Brenda Tincher (01/09)	571-934-7067 eMail: tincherg@comcast.net	4th Sun. - 9am - Golden Corral, 120 Costello Dr., Winchester (phone: 540-667-6329)
VA-H	Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker (11/1-)	276-628-6047 eMail: 09nellie@comcast.net	2nd Tue. - 7 pm - Abingdon Moose Lodge, US19, Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon
VA-I	Manassas	Tom & Kathy DeWispelaere (2/11)	703-361-3373 eMail: tjdewisp@yahoo.com	2nd Sun. - 10:00am - Great American Steak & Buffet , 8365 Sudley Rd., Manassas
VA-J	South Boston	Don & Teresa Mitchell (02/11)	434-792-0816 eMail: donpmit@yahoo.com	2nd Mon. - 7:30 pm - Roma's Italian Restaurant and Grill, 3403 Old Halifax Rd., South Boston
VA-K	Roanoke	Robert & Barbara Palmer (01/13)	540-580-1514 eMail: nannapuddin2x@yahoo.com	2nd Mon. - 7 pm - Great 611 Steak Co., 3830 Franklin Rd., Roanoke Chapter K Website
VA-L	Chesapeake	Dave & Linda Harris (01/12)	757-576-5779 eMail: davenat@aol.com	4th Tues. - 7:00 pm -Pops Diner Co., 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake, VA
VA-O	Williamsburg	Joe Dickson & Karrin Frankie (01/05)	757-872-0690 eMail: widetrack48@cox.net eMail: foxslady@cox.net	4th Sun. - 5 pm - Belgian Waffle & Steakhouse , 14700 Warwick Blvd., Newport News
VA-R	Harrisonburg	Rex & Rose Hines (01/12)	540-825-9218 eMail:	1st Sun - 3 pm - Golden Corral exit 247A, Rt. 33 E. 2 miles off I-81, Harrisonburg
VA-U	Hanover	Rob & Cheryl Ramsey (01/13)	276-806-8290 eMail: gwrva_vau@gmail.com	3rd Sun. - 3 pm - Anna's Italian Restaurant, 7009 Mechanicsville Tnpke, Hanover Village Shopping Center
VA-V	Bedford	Alice Miller (01/13)	540-580-0257 eMail: alice.miller6711@yahoo.com	3rd Sun. - 3 pm - Fellowship Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, 314 N Bridge St, Bedford
VA-W	Chester	Bill Martyn & Jennifer Knight (08/10)	804-241-6910 eMail: Bill: wmartyn@aol.com Jennifer: willsgirl56@aol.com	2nd Tue. - 7 pm - Pietro Pizza - Italian Rest., 2601 Osborne Rd, Chester
VA-X	Salem	Tony & Vickie Ayers (1/10)	540-293-4982 eMail: goldwingpa@gmail.com	1st Sat. - 4 pm - Shoney's 101 Wildwood Rd, Salem
VA-Y	Leesburg	Matt Caradona (01/12)	703-655-2109 eMail: gwravaycd@gmail.com	3rd Sun. - 5 pm - Betucci's in Ashburn, VA, 44042 Pipeline Plaza

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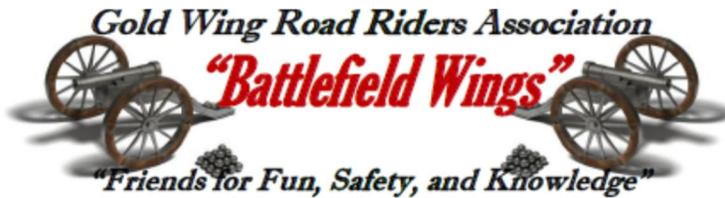
At chapter "E" we emphasize that we indeed are a team of riders/co-riders interested in Goldwings, riding, and most of all, having fun. Some think that we are mostly interested in eating. You will need to join and be the judge! Come on out and join us! We would love to see you! We meet to eat at 6:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month at 10320 Spotsylvania Ave., Fredericksburg, Va. (**38° 14'28.60" N 77° 29' 51.27" W elev. 186'**) The chapter meeting starts at 7:30pm thereafter. We are located in Fredericksburg, VA, about 50 miles south of Washington D.C. and about 50 miles north of Richmond, VA.

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Editor's Desk

My fellow "Wingers".

As we mentally and physically gear up for the upcoming riding season for some or continuing riding for others, I again am looking for your riding adventures to be included in future publications. A couple of photos and a

paragraph or two about your trip will inspire others. Thanks in advance and hope to share your adventures with the membership!



Please submit all articles and pictures to the following address;

seadoggw@att.net

Thanks and safe

riding!!!