



# The Battlefield Buzz



Virginia District Chapter-E Fredericksburg, VA

Region N

MARCH 2017

**Hello fellow Battlefield wingers, VA-E members!**

**I would like to talk with our “retired members” on the possibility of planning a ride for us.**

**Once a month if we can get a commitment, I encourage and hope to get a number**

**of riders together to do a lunch ride, a visitation ride to spend time with “shut-in”**

**members with their approval or tour a public monument/site during the week day. We can begin our rides after morning’s rush hour and return home before the evening’s rush. This will not be limited to our retired members but all that wish to just take the day and get together. I suggest once a month (i.e. every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month), but we can do as many as we wish.**

**If anyone is interested in participating, please let your team leaders know your willingness and which day would be best for you and we can set up a time and day of the week. I do ask that each participant pick a destination.**

**Claude**

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BATTLEFIELD WINGS FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



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

@6:30 pm at the Golden Corral,

Address: 10320 Spotsylvania  
Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA  
22408

Phone:(540) 891-2022

## **RIDER EDUCATION.....**

### ***Maintenance Tips for the upcoming Riding Season***

I am/we are chomping at the bit to get out and ride. For my Educator article this month, here are some maintenance tips for a great start to your riding season.

#### **1. Dust Off Your Bike.**

Remove the cover. Remove any plugs, rags or covers from the exhaust pipes and air intakes meant to keep out animals and foreign objects. Wash away any coating you may have applied to protect your bike.

#### **2. Look Over the Fuel System.**

Replace the fuel filter and examine the fuel tank, fuel lines, and fittings for cracks and leaks. If you used fuel stabilizer, your fuel should be in good shape. Make sure by opening the filler cap and looking inside for gunk or stratification. If the fuel is consistent and clean, you can go to the next step. If not, you're better off draining the tank and fuel lines before running the engine. You also should check and clean your carburetor. Add a fuel system cleaner the next few times you fill your tank.

#### **3. Make Sure It's Well-Oiled.**

Many motorcycle manufacturers recommend that you change the engine oil and filter before storage and again in the spring. During storage, the oil can separate, causing a condensation build up that may harm your engine. Even if you changed your engine oil before storage, you'll still want to check the oil level before riding.

#### **4. Check the Fluids.**

Check the fluid hose connections for looseness or signs of leakage. Check for cracks in all hoses and replace as needed. Check the levels and consistency of all the fluids. Change any fluid that looks suspicious and top off any that need refilling. Always use a new sealed container when topping off fluids. Flush and replace the old antifreeze with proper coolant.

#### **5. Charge the Battery.**

If you removed the battery for storage and kept it charged, just clean the cables and terminals with a wire brush, then grease and reconnect. If you kept your battery trickle-charged or hooked up to a tender, it's probably in good shape. However, if the bike was stored without disconnecting the battery or without using a smart charger, the battery will need to be fully charged or replaced if it won't hold a charge. In either case, check the leads for corrosion and make sure they're attached snugly.

#### **6. Kick the Tires.**

If the weight was off your motorcycle's wheels during storage, chances are your tires are in good shape, but you still should inspect them thoroughly before riding. Check for cracks, bulges, punctures, stress marks or flat spots. Using a tire pressure gauge, check air pressure in both tires to ensure they're properly inflated. If needed, refill your tires to the manufacturer's recommended pressure. Inspect the wheels for dents and carefully tighten any loose spokes. Grease the wheel bearings.

### **7. Hit the Brakes.**

Check and fill the brake fluid level, and replace it if it's dirty. Examine the brake lines for cracks and leaks. Inspect the brake pads and discs or shoes for wear. If they're thin, you may want to get new ones. Thoroughly clean the brake rotors with brake cleaner. Lubricate the front-brake hand lever and throttle cables.

### **8. Inspect the Frame, Suspension and Steering.**

Inspect the frame and fairing for hairline cracks. Pay close attention to areas around the engine and transmission brackets. Move the forks forward and back to feel for looseness. If there's any movement or clunking from the steering head, tighten it properly. Inspect the handlebars for cracks and lubricate the cable connections. Pay attention to brake-lever pivot bolts, axle nuts and drain plugs. Lubricate all bearings and grease the kickstand. Check the condition of every nut and fastener, and tighten as necessary.

### **9. Look at the Electrical System.**

Check your electronics, switches, lights, and gauges for proper operation. Test your regular and high-beam headlamps, and front and rear turn signals. Test your rear brake light and ensure it lights up when you engage the brakes. Test the horn to ensure it's working.

### **10. Test the Controls.**

Examine the cables and hoses for cracks, kinks, or other damage. Test the levers and pedals to make sure they're well-lubricated. Test the throttle to ensure it flows smoothly and does not jam or spring closed when released.

### **11. Update Your Insurance Policy.**

Make sure your insurance policy is up to date. If you've added any custom parts or equipment, you'll want to be sure they're covered.

### **12. Hit the Road.**

Let the bike idle for a few minutes to get its fluids circulating. Check to see whether it idles smoothly and at the correct RPM after reaching normal operating temperature.

Finally, I encourage everyone to brush up on your basic riding skills by either taking a refresher course or just going to a parking lot and practicing the basic skills. I hope to see everyone on one of the many rides the Chapter has planned this riding season. And above all have a safe and fun season.

Your new Chapter Educator,

Lyle Schrupf

## **FROM NANCY GROVES, NEWSLETTER EDITOR....**

Hello Chapter E! Send your stories, recipes, restaurant reviews, suggestions, etc., to [nancy-groves@comcast.net](mailto:nancy-groves@comcast.net).



# 5TH ANNUAL BATTLEFIELD BASH

JUNE 9, 10, 11 | ED ALLEN'S CAMPGROUND | LANEXA  
FRIDAY 4PM TO MIDNIGHT // SATURDAY 7AM TO MIDNIGHT

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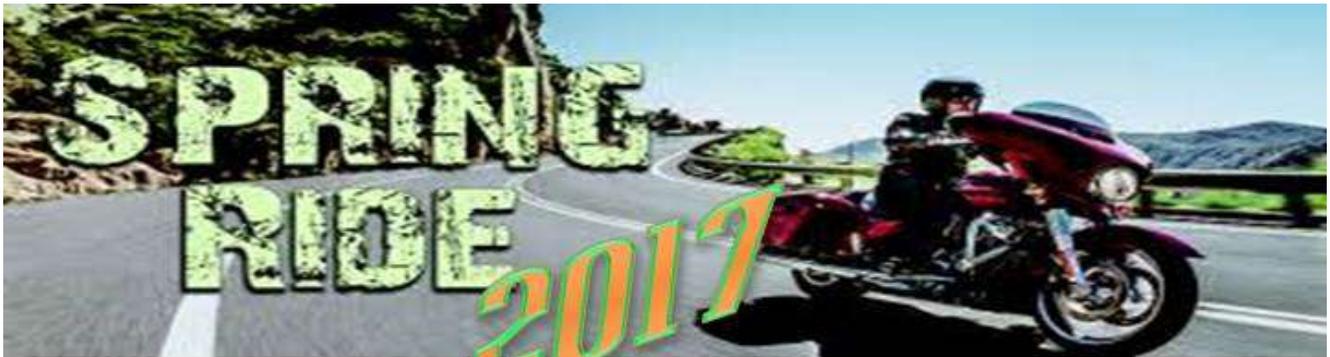
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# MARCH 25, 2017



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### Starting Point:

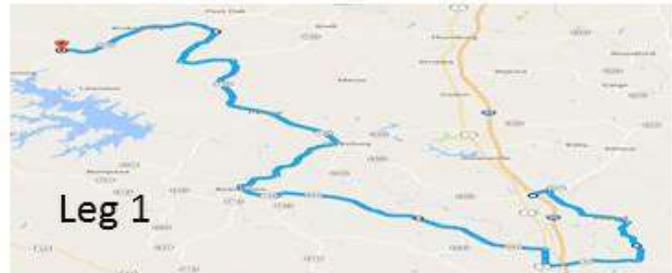
We'll meet at the Denny's (Inside the Flying 'J' truck stop west side of I95 of exit 104) (24279 Rogers Clark Blvd, Ruther Glen Va.

**KSU 0930**

We'll have a lazy but enjoyable VA back road ride to start 2017 off right. **This is a rain or shine event.**

POI on the ride:

- Breakfast 0800
- One Life Cycle Bike Blessing
- Ice Cream Stop
- Back roads (100+ miles)





**GWRRA Chapter VA-E  
Fredericksburg, VA**

**Chapter Director ~ Claude Revely soon to be  
Gordon Combs**

**Assistant Chapter Director ~ Eddie Seale soon to  
be Claude Revely**

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Greg Kestner**

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