



# The Battlefield Buzz



Virginia District Chapter-E Fredericksburg, VA

Region N

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## Chapter Director

*Thoughts from Gordon and Julie*

Greetings E Team,

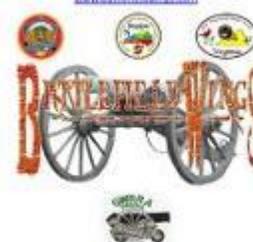
I just came back from my twelfth straight Rally in the Valley and what a wonderful time it was for Julie and me. First and most important, I really enjoy the time spent with my friends. This Rally it was Greg and Karen, Butch and Nancy, Frankie and Delores, Linda Goodman, Mike and Carol and Larry. And of course, all my other friends from other chapters that I have come to know over all the years. This is what makes the rally so much fun for me; it's not the location, it's the friends.

Thursday night, we all gathered at the Home Place restaurant to eat. Let's just say that quite a few chickens, a large cow, and a hog sacrificed their lives to feed this bunch. The girls sat on one end and the guys on the other, that way we did not have any cross pollination of the talking. The girls accused the guys of not passing the food to their end of the table, so I'm not sure if that seating arrangement will go over again. I have never seen 9 people eat so much food.

We also had a lineup change (you'll see the pun) on Friday night. The Civic center was booked for a concert so the Friday night event was held in the baseball stadium next to the civic center. Julie and I had a wonderful time as we enjoyed the talent show put on by different members and busted our guts on ice cream all while we sat above the dug outs overlooking the ball field.

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To top off the evening, a large screen was set up between home plate and first base, and we enjoyed an outdoors movie with a wonderful sound system. And what could make it even more enjoyable, how about “Wild Hogs” as the movie. Even though I had seen it before, it was so much fun outside, in a ball park, with around 50 of your friends, laughing at the antics of the stars. I must admit, District Staff hit it out of the ball park (pun intended) with this change. It was a grand slam as far as Julie and I was concerned.

At Saturday nights ceremonies, Greg Kestner was presented a plaque of appreciation for teaching the BRC2 (formally ERC) course at Rally for the past 10 years. I took his class on Friday and Greg always does a first class job. We apparently enjoyed the dinner way too much. Since Jim and Bev were unable to make it, we used their armbands to go back in line for 2 more plates of food. Larry and I were the runners; we had to convince Mary of Chapter A that she did not see us earlier, she must have been thinking of last year. I really hated doing that to a friend so I had to fess up to her. Anyway, every bit of that food was consumed by 9 of us at our table (and you can't blame Larry entirely as others of us also dove in).

I would like to thank all who attended as everyone pitched in to cover the hospitality table. You are the best and I thank you.

Gordon

October 2013 Wing World Article - Membership in Danger!

Fellow GWRRA Team Members,

Some of you have, and more will be receiving Member complaints/comments about the October 2013 *Wing World* Trike Tracks article – specifically on page 53. In that message the author claims that “... *trikes can swerve at highway speeds while simultaneously braking. Hard braking mixed with a yank on the handlebars can spell disaster on a two-wheeler. A rider can brake hard or swerve, but not at the same time. Trikes are different. Because you can put force into a turn without leaning the bike, a trike is much more capable of maneuvering around sudden road danger.*”

In fact, as we teach in our GWRRA classroom portion of the Trike Rider Course (TRC), we should be putting out the message: “**Never swerve and brake at the same time!**”

Just like on two wheels, If you are in a hard swerve which is using all available friction to prevent the tires from losing traction, and even a small amount of braking is applied, the tire will indeed lose traction. The only thing different when riding a trike is how that loss of traction affects the trike and rider. We have a lot of experience in watching what happens when students fail to follow the guidance offered in GWRRA Trike courses. On two wheels it amounts in a bike down nearly 100% of the time. The trike can be a little more forgiving, in that it might slide on the three wheel base - if you are lucky.

Per our TRC training:

“The Rider’s and Co-Rider’s bodies (as well as the weight of the Trike) are “pushed” toward the outside of the curve.

How does this affect the control of the Trike?

The action of these forces tends to shift weight toward the outside of the Trike which may result in the inside wheel losing traction – or, at its most violent, a crash.”



In Memory of

Dannie Hays & Mark Hardisty 2013

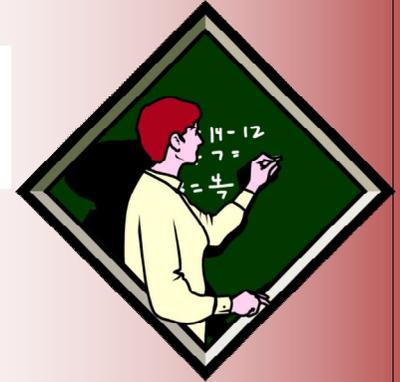
During the Candle Light Ceremony at Rally in the Valley, lighted candles were carried by Karen Kestner and his good friend Junior in memory of Dannie, and by Julie Combs in memory of Mark.

May they rest in peace and remain in our hearts.



## Chapter Rider's Education

*strategies to live by from Larry*



# Panic

I suppose every unfortunate rider involved in an accident experiences panic in the seconds before impact. Panic is entirely natural whenever there is a perception of impending doom. By and large, it's a good survival reaction that God has given us so we can better flee danger. But, panic only helps our strength; it doesn't help us think. This month I'd like to consider panic as it relates to our riding.

If a left turner turns in front of a rider without warning and the rider has not slowed down or otherwise prepared for such an event, it may be that the best rider in the world would not be able to avoid a collision. The panic that precedes such a collision is not the cause of the collision, the failure to anticipate the left turner and adjust accordingly is. But, there are accidents caused by panic – needless accidents. A rider becoming unnerved by the sound and feel of his footpegs dragging in a fast turn might straighten out and direct himself right into the path of oncoming traffic or over the road edge. If he had carefully thought through such an action and was not panicked, he would not have reacted as he did. But, he was powerless once panic entered the picture.

It is imperative that we avoid panic when we ride. And, we can avoid or at least reduce the likelihood of panic with a little work. We can do at least two things: 1) think and rethink the proper actions to take in “challenging” situations and practice them as much as possible even when the situation is not challenging, and 2) find a safe place to practice maneuvers that we have apprehension about and thereby improve our skills and increase our confidence. Confidence is the opposite of panic – they are mutually exclusive.

**Chapter Rider's Education***Continued*

A second example is throttle control. Snapping the throttle closed is probably not smart but it certainly is a panic reaction. If you are going in a straight line on dry pavement, snapping the throttle closed probably won't get you in trouble. But, it may very well lead to trouble in a turn or on a slick surface because of engine braking and suspension changes. If you are in a curve a little hotter than you wish you were, do you want to upset the suspension or reduce the cornering traction of the rear tire? Convince yourself that smooth throttle control increases the likelihood of a happy ending and then consciously make all your throttle actions smooth all the time so it becomes a habit and you are less likely to snap the throttle closed in a surprise situation. (Smooth action is, of course, appropriate for other controls too.)

“Target fixation” is a sure recipe for trouble (this is the biggie) and your inability to look away from a problem is a form of panic. Your bike will tend to go where your head and eyes are pointed. You must look where you want to go rather than at what is scaring you. If you are skeptical about the connection between where you look and where you go, remember the last time you made a U turn on a two lane road while looking at the far curb instead of turning your head all the way around to see where you wanted to go. Did you make it? Slow or fast, the bike will tend to go where you are looking. After you are convinced of this, make it a point to always look where you want to go when something troubling presents itself (it won't be easy). If you are in a corner too hot, never look at the center or fog line you are trying to avoid but rather look well around the curve – force yourself to do it for mild surprises and you'll form the right habits and reactions to carry you through when a larger surprise presents itself. If you find yourself riding through potholes that you know you should have been able to avoid, you need more practice here.

That's all that has occurred to me for this reminder but I'm sure there are many more mistakes caused by panic that could be discussed here. Our monthly gathering is a good place to bring up other safe riding suggestions and I encourage you to speak up if I've reminded you of something that would benefit the rest of us.

Larry

## Chapter E—Couple of the Year

**Eddie and Rosa Seale**

Eddie and I went away for the week end.. I won this camping trip from the Chesapeake Chapter. We stayed at KOA Lynchburg/Blue Ridge Parkway the cabin was nice the only exception no bathroom and no running water.. But we had a great time.. This is the second time I have won something nice from this Chapters event..



*Gordon and I have an awesome time texting each other when Redskins plays my team Dallas Cowboys... Last year Gordon took photos of the score and texted me just to make sure I knew who was winning... Well I was nice to him on 10/13/13 I didn't text him to give him update that the score was 31 Dallas 16 Deadskins oh sorry Gordon Resskins lol*

## Member Perspective

### Rally In The Valley

Butch and I had a wonderful "Rally in the Valley" weekend. Thursday we had a fun time eating dinner at "The Home Place" with Frankie & De-  
lores, Gordon & Julie, and Greg & Karen. Friday we enjoyed the compa-  
ny of Mike & Carol (and 90+ other Rally attendees!) on the "Virginia  
Dare" cruise on Smith Mountain Lake. The weather was not as bad as  
feared. The cruise included some beautiful scenery, a tasty soup and  
sandwich lunch, music and an occasional narrative from Captain  
Bill. We all got together for dinner at Rancho Viejo where our attendance  
grew to include Larry. As usual good friends and good food were en-  
joyed by all (even Butch and Carol found something good on the  
menu). Dinner was followed by opening ceremonies at the Civic Center  
Baseball Stadium. Statistical awards were presented, Gordon participat-  
ed in the talent show, Tom McGrath provided ice cream, and the evening  
ended with a showing of the movie "Wild Hogs". On Saturday we all en-  
joyed various activities, classes, rides, shopping, etc. Our group grew  
yet again as Linda Goodman had also arrived and assisted with the hos-  
pitality table. Even "working" the hospitality table was fun! The weekend  
came to a close as we enjoyed dinner and closing ceremonies at the Civ-  
ic Center. Looking forward to more fun times with Chapter E



## *Chapter E*

### *Membership Appreciation BBQ and Social Event*



This picture proves that Greg does have a romantic streak as he walks to the Chapter E Appreciation Luncheon with Karen.

E Team members and friends enjoying each others company



Food, conversation, more food and friends. No better way to spend an afternoon!!!



Mark is presented his Rider Education patch level one safety by commitment by Rider Educator Larry.



Help Wanted

**Chapter Director**

needed!!!!

At this Wednesday's meeting, Gordon will officially announce that he is stepping down as Chapter Director effective December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We will be accepting nominations and/or volunteers at this meeting. Please plan to attend.



## Staff meeting / Another evening out



Five bikes at "E" Team staff meeting

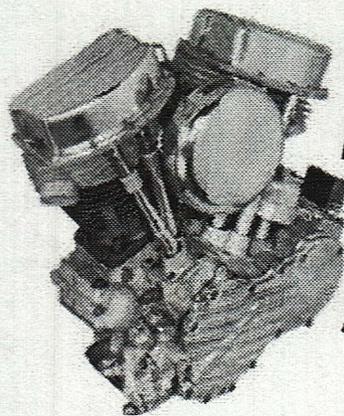
Julie and Karen getting ready to chow down on dessert at the General Store Restaurant.



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70e to 32s to Right on 144,  
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## Schedule of Events

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



Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> E Team Social Gathering

Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> Wings and Wheels Festival Stafford

Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> E Team Social Gathering

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> E Team Christmas Party

Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> E Team Social Gathering



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VA-B	<a href="#">Virginia Beach</a>	Bob & Ann Lutton (8/11)	757-641-5510 eMail: <a href="mailto:b.lutton@verizon.net">b.lutton@verizon.net</a>	2nd Wed. - 7 pm -BUFFET CITY, 3877 Holland Rd, #416, Va. Beach, Va. 23462
VA-C	<a href="#">Hampton/Newport News</a>	Mel Brooks (01/12)	757-596-7943 eMail <a href="mailto:mrmelb@cox.net">mrmelb@cox.net</a>	2nd Sun. - 7 pm - Angelo's Steak & Pancake House, 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News
VA-D	<a href="#">Richmond</a>	Allen & Debbie Dowell (01/13)	04-222-1303 eMail: <a href="mailto:dowellmickey@comcast.net">dowellmickey@comcast.net</a>	4th Wed. - 7 pm - Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano 14235 Midlthoian Turnpike <a href="tel:804-379-0910">804-379-0910</a>
VA-E	<a href="#">Fredericksburg</a>	Gordon Combs (08/10)	540-840-0394 eMail: <a href="mailto:gorcom@msn.com">gorcom@msn.com</a>	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm - Golden Corral, 10320 Spotsylvania Ave, Fredericksburg, VA
VA-F	<a href="#">Winchester</a>	George & Brenda Tincher (01/09)	571-934-7067 eMail: <a href="mailto:tincherg@comcast.net">tincherg@comcast.net</a>	4th Sun. - 9am - Golden Corral, 120 Costello Dr., Winchester (phone: 540-667-6329)
VA-H	<a href="#">Abingdon</a>	Paul & Dorothy Baker (11/1-)	276-628-6047 eMail: <a href="mailto:09nellie@comcast.net">09nellie@comcast.net</a>	2nd Tue. - 7 pm - Abingdon Moose Lodge, US19, Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon
VA-I	<a href="#">Manassas</a>	Tom & Kathy DeWispelaere (2/11)	703-361-3373 eMail: <a href="mailto:tjedewisp@yahoo.com">tjedewisp@yahoo.com</a>	2nd Sun. - 10:00am - <a href="#">Great American Steak &amp; Buffet</a> , 8365 Sudley Rd., Manassas
VA-J	<a href="#">South Boston</a>	Don & Teresa Mitchell (02/11)	434-792-0816 eMail: <a href="mailto:donpmitt@yahoo.com">donpmitt@yahoo.com</a>	2nd Mon. - 7:30 pm - Roma's Italian Restaurant and Grill, 3403 Old Halifax Rd., South Boston
VA-K	<a href="#">Roanoke</a>	Robert & Barbara Palmer (01/13)	540-580-1514 eMail: <a href="mailto:nannapuddin2x@yahoo.com">nannapuddin2x@yahoo.com</a>	2nd Mon. - 7 pm - Great 611 Steak Co., 3830 Franklin Rd., Roanoke <a href="#">Chapter K Website</a>
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VA-R	<a href="#">Harrisonburg</a>	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	<a href="#">Hanover</a>	Rob & Cheryl Ramsey (01/13)	276-806-8290 eMail: <a href="mailto:gwrra.vau@gmail.com">gwrra.vau@gmail.com</a>	3rd Sun. - 3 pm - Anna's Italian Restaurant, 7009 Mechanicsville Tnpke, Hanover Village Shopping Center
VA-V	<a href="#">Bedford</a>	Alice Miller (01/13)	540-580-0257 eMail: <a href="mailto:alice.miller6711@yahoo.com">alice.miller6711@yahoo.com</a>	3rd Sun. - 3 pm - Fellowship Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, 314 N Bridge St, Bedford
VA-W	<a href="#">Chester</a>	Bill Martyn (08/10)	804-241-6910 eMail: Bill: <a href="mailto:wmartyn@aol.com">wmartyn@aol.com</a>	2nd Tue. - 7 pm - Pietro Pizza - Italian Rest., 2601 Osborne Rd, Chester
VA-X	Salem	Tony & Vickie Ayers (1/10)	540-293-4982 eMail: <a href="mailto:goldwingpa@gmail.com">goldwingpa@gmail.com</a>	1st Sat. - 4 pm - Shoney's 101 Wildwood Rd, Salem
VA-Y	<a href="#">Leesburg</a>	Matt Caradona (01/12)	703-655-2109 eMail: <a href="mailto:gwravaycd@gmail.com">gwravaycd@gmail.com</a>	3rd Sun. - 5 pm - Betucci's in Ashburn, VA, 44042 Pipeline Plaza

# Visit to Barber Motorsport Parke and Museum

A photographic Journal by Jeff Burke



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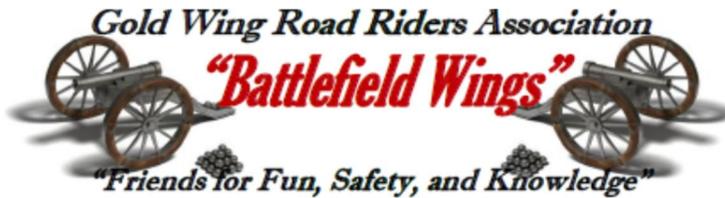
At chapter "E" we emphasize that we indeed are a team of riders/co-riders interested in Goldwings, riding, and most of all, having fun. Some think that we are mostly interested in eating. You will need to join and be the judge! Come on out and join us! We would love to see you! We meet to eat at 6:30pm 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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All are welcome to submit articles, photos or general information to your newsletter. Thanks and safe riding!



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Thanks and safe riding!!!