

Goldwing Road Riders Association



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Happy Father's Day!



PICTURE OF THE MONTH, CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS?



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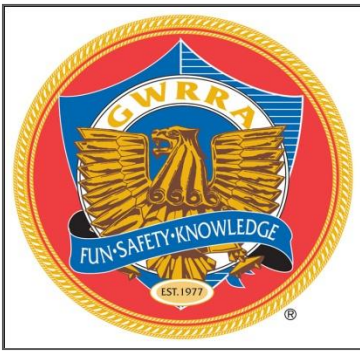
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From the Directors Chair



So our official riding season is underway, the springs rains have finally stopped and we've hopefully seen the last of Dorothy and Toto.

We had a great day traveling up to Venco together for their annual Open House, PAO lead (2) "Pick-Up" rides and Gardner took us on his famous Covered Bridge ride last month. All well attended and a big THANK-YOU goes out to PAO and Gardner for their time and effort putting together the rides for all to enjoy. If you've never lead a ride not sure you can truly appreciated the time and effort that goes into preparing for the ride as well as the effort that goes into leading insuring everybody stays safe and has fun while not getting lost. Next you have a chance be sure to thank you chapter ride leaders, they deserve a heap of thanks.

Speaking of rides I apologize for having to cancel the 200 Mile Ride to No-Where on June 5th. While some of you were off enjoying a ride with PAO, I was running through the route we'll take on June 26th with our sister chapter NH-A for our combined Ride & Picnic to the Quabbin Tower (Photo Contest photo op!!!!). On the return route home just east of the Quabbin as I was traveling on the road from hell, I found the biggest, ugliest pot hole you can imagine. Long story short - after removing the rear shock I found the "C" clip had been pile driven to the top of the shock. While riding home after the encounter with the meteor crater, it felt like I had blown all the oil from the shock body. But a simple move of the clip back to position #3 took care of it, well not so simple considering what it takes to remove the rear shock! Needless to say Taylor Road is no longer part of the afternoon trip. FYI, luckily I was in second gear winding my way through the pot holes and never saw that one in the shadows. Otherwise I'm guessing I would have gone over the handle bars.

Most of you are off enjoying Americade this week hope you're all having fun, spending money and enjoying those beautiful roads around the lake, the weather has certainly has been cooperative. Georgia and I are headed up Friday morning for a quick visit to Lake George with an overnigher in Rutland. We're hoping to catch up with some of you Friday evening.

Our 10th, 20th & 30th of the month Ice Cream rides have started. The starting location is the same as all rides - Reading, MA Dunkin Donuts/REI parking lot at the intersection of Rt 129 & Rt 128. The rides start at 7:00pm weather permitting, a lead is chosen from those in attendance and off you go for a nice ride and ice cream. You can also see our web site for further details. <http://www.qwrrama-a.org/>

A couple of reminders:

- Pick-up ride on Sunday June 12th, I know most of you are returning from Americade that day but for those who wish to ride meet at our usual starting location in Reading and take it from there.
- We have the combined chapter ride & picnic with NH-A on June 26 starting time will be 8:00am from Reading and 9:00am from our Littleton location of Rt 110 and Rt119 just off Rt 495 at the Mobil station. For more info see: <http://www.gwrrama-a.org/>
- The chapter Fun(d) Raiser flyer and Registration form went out to all in an email last week. You can also find them on our web site: <http://www.gwrrama-a.org/>
- On July 3 Ed & Rhonda are leading a Mystery Ride, more on that later
- The New England Rally is scheduled for July 28-30 in Lewiston, ME, the flyer and Registration form can also be found on our web site.

We'd like to wish all the Dad's out there a very

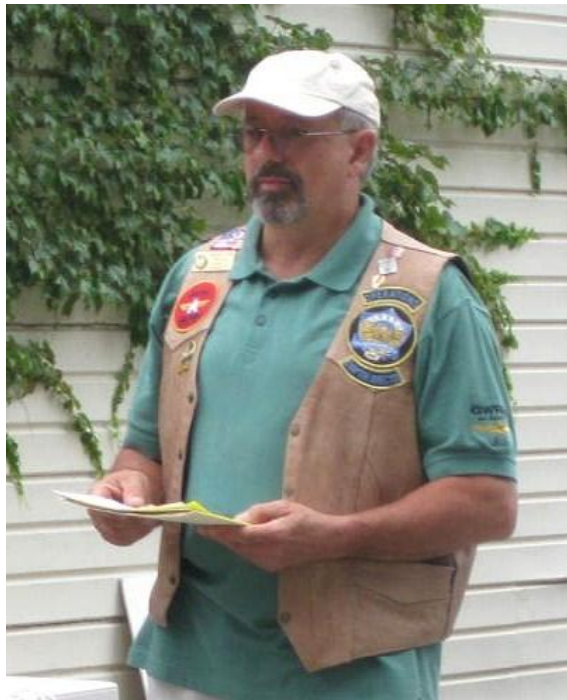
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

So until next month, I hope we'll see you at one of our many chapter rides, gatherings and events. There's lot's going on, there's a lot to enjoy with friends so get out there and ride - safely.

Kevin

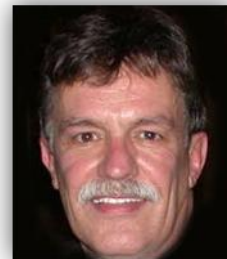
MA-A's official chapter web site: <http://www.gwrrama-a.org/>

Anybody seen this guy lately?? I hear he's MIA.



DO THE RIGHT THING...

Make Someone's First Time A Good Time...



Twice in the last week, men have noticed my bike and told me similar stories that start something like, "I always wanted to ride one of those things but twenty years ago I asked a friend of mine to give me a ride on his bike...."

They went on to tell me how the rider drove like a maniac down a crooked dirt road at just over the speed of light.

That experience precluded any need for Ex-Lax for either of them. They both somehow survived their harrowing experience and have never been tempted to get back on another bike. One of those men is a professor and the other is a barber. I'll bet every time a motorcycle accident happen in a 100-mile radius, the barber tells that same story to an amen chorus of "yeps" and "uh huhs". Of course I didn't agree with him but I did tell him about a 65 year old man who successfully completed a motorcycle safety course. As motorcyclist we don't need any more bad press, especially from someone who has no knowledge more recent than one incident twenty years ago. Why does it happen? Why does a motorcyclist take a non-rider for their very first ride and do their very best to scare the life out of them? Is it testosterone overload or too much caffeine?

Think about it for a second. Taking a non-rider for a first ever ride is a huge responsibility. Your bike, that fast sweet-cornering devil, is going to behave like a hippo on drugs with an inexperienced passenger aboard. Your bike, always rock steady when cornering solo, is going to shake, rattle and roll with a scared and agitated passenger clinging for their life behind you. They might sit bolt upright before trying to steer by shoving you upright and/or waving their arms and screaming.

Extreme examples, I know, but a living breathing passenger is not just cargo. They are not attached to the bike and they have hinges all over and they move independently from you.

You will accelerate quickly when you try to beat that approaching Buick across the intersection, but you will need much more distance to stop. And your suspension setting that works fine for you alone is going to be too soft for two behinds. You have the chance – one chance – to make a friend for motorcycling, and maybe get another riding buddy or buddette. Don't blow it! Make that first ride enjoyable. Take the time to acquaint your passenger with the bike, engine off. Make sure they have on all the safety gear. Give them a chance to sit in the passenger position, with their feet on the pegs. Teach them not to put their feet down. Teach them how to lean – to look over the shoulder that is on the inside of the turn.

Only after this sort of briefing should you start the bike and go for a ride. Take it easy. Ride like your sweet old granny is back there. A short first ride is best. Should your passenger really hate it, in spite of your best intensions, then the unpleasantness is short lived. Choose a non-threatening environment. A ride in the country on an uncongested straight road is good. Your favorite hairpin-in festered road is probably not a good choice; the temptation to show off may be too great.

If you done a good job, your passenger will get off with a smile on his or her face and say something like, "My, that was exhilarating. I think I should like to purchase one of these devices for my own use. Can I impose upon you to tell me how one would go about acquiring one?"

Tell them to take a motorcycle safety course and you have done the RIGHT THING and acquired a riding buddy. At least you haven't made another enemy for motorcycling.



Greetings once again from the Director's Chair! OK, now it's already June and we have had some good days and some not so good days, and yesterday a tornado in West Springfield MA, what's up with that? This is New England, not the Mid West! I guess Mother Nature wants to spread it around to everyone. Thank God we are not in the shape that MO is in, when will it end? We did get to go to Ra Ra's in Moosup CT last night to meet up with Fred and Cherrie Rau, just in from CA traveling thru to Americade in Lake George NY. Of course we took the car and waited out the brunt of the storm before we headed out. We had a nice visit and some good food and of course ice-cream too! We reminisced and heard some new stories and travels from Fred and Cherrie, an enjoyable evening with great friends!

We have been busy at planning for our 10th Anniversary of the NE All States Convention. We sure hope you will all register and come enjoy the fun and seminars we have planned for you at the end of July, in Lewiston, ME. We are also looking into a place for the 2012 Convention, so that we will have that information to announce at the Rally in July this year.

Make sure to check your sister Chapters/States web sites and ride schedules, there may be some interesting events that you may want to join in. From what I have seen, MA, CT, and RI are planning some fun rides and events, you won't want to miss out on. Don't forget the National Event, Wing Ding, in Knoxville, TN in July, the 6th thru the 9th. Bob and I are planning on going and we hope to see you there. Our Region, B, is responsible for helping with the Light Parade and the Grand Parade, so let Ed, our Region Director know if you will be attending and able to help with those events. We have helped with them several times, and we always have a lot of fun, and meet more new and old friends. Check the Websites for our other States events, such as the PA Convention, the NY/NJ Convention coming up in August and September. All these events and rides you can incorporate with your Pass Port Book be sure to carry them with you wherever you travel, and have the Director at that event sign your book.

There are more exciting events and news in the upcoming months from National. Trikes n Bikes Rally in Bowling Green TN, just another fun time to attend and see the country side in that area, the flyer is on the Region Site. There is also talk of a cruise in 2012, hosted by the Region; no money is made on this, just a fun event. The cruise originates out of NY and will hold 8-10 trikes or 25 bikes. Details will be on the Region Web site and Newsletter soon. I will keep you posted on the updates and info. There is also a Rider Ed Survey out there from Tim Grimes, our Region Educator, please take the time to fill it out as this helps the Rider Ed folks to see what the members would like to see and do.

Also, Dottie has informed us that the OCP course is now on-line. There will still be classes through-out the Region, as the personal interaction is also very important, but for your connivance, it is on-line and there are instructions to follow in order to sign up for the course. Also, National is introducing a plan for Chapters/Districts to have better relationships with their local dealers thru Honda. I will be posting the letter and all the info on that. I know that most of our Chapter Directors already have great repoire with their local Dealers and that is great. I also had some comments about folks being able to get their trikes serviced, that most dealers don't service them, and they have to travel a distance for their service and parts. Maybe that is something to look into?

I hope everyone is having a great riding season and all are safe on the roads. Hope to see you all soon.

Thanks for all your support and friendship, without you, the members, Bob and I would not be able to do all we do. Happy Fathers' Day to all the Dads'!

Stay safe and we hope to see all of you on the road soon.

Thank You! Enjoy Safe Riding!

Judy & Bob Burns ~ **RI, MA, CT District Directors**

SCHEDULING & EVENTS

Monthly Meeting



Bertucci's

45 Walkers Brook Road
Reading, MA

Meeting:
Wednesday, Jun 15th @ 7:00pm

(dinner @ 6pm)

Up-Coming Ride/Events



Ice Cream Rides

10th, 20th & 30th of every
month!

Carol Mahn	Jun 3
Herve Houde	Jun 7
Dave O'Connor	Jun 11

The Porawski's	Jun 27
The Madden's	Jun 27
The Fallon's	Jun 27
The McCarthy's	Jun 28





MAY WINNERS!

Item	Donor	Winner
Bertucci's GC Dunkin coffee Camera	Kevin LeBlond Dottie Wood Jim Scofield	MaryBeth Traynor MaryBeth Traynor Allan Smeltzer
DD GC	Bill d'Entremont	Glenn Daniels
Hat Bertucci GC HomeMade Bread	MaryBeth Traynor Frank Silveria Allan Smeltzer	Sean McCarthy Joe Costa Joan Houde
50/50		Frank Silveria
10 free tickets May meeting	(sorry Allan) ☺	Allan Smeltzer
10 free tickets June meeting		Jim Scofield
10 free tickets Photo Contest		Charlie Kay