

Goldwing Road Riders Association

MA-A Newsletter Sept '11



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Can you guess who this is?

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



From the Directors Chair



Well, well, well it's Sunday August 28th as I write this and we should be out riding but someone named Irene dropped by for a visit. Not entirely unexpected just not invited and you have to oblige uninvited guests whether they're friends or relatives sometimes ☺

Stopped by Facebook before I started writing this and found a picture of a tree slicing through Bad Billy's deck, ugh! Looks like a job for Mike Lozzi and company.

Several of us traveled down to MA-F in August to attend what was to be MA-F's annual Poker Run/Fund Raiser. Well here again Mother Nature decided to stop by for an unwanted visit bringing downpours the likes we haven't seen for some time. All but 1 attendee, Claude from "F", traveled by car which provided the right decision for the ride down and back. Because of the rain, Doc decided to turn the Poker Run into a BBQ with a few of his friends from MA "A" & "F".

The Ride for Kids was also held in August, our own Bad Billy and Herve helped represent chapter "A" at the annual event. Also want to thank UB for his generous donation to this great cause. Nice job guys and thank-you!

Labor Day is fast approaching with a wonderful weekend get-a-way planned for Quebec lead by Sean & Ginny. So far the weather looks promising and Quebec is a great time, plenty to see and do with some wonderful restaurants in Old Quebec City.

Sunday the 11th, is our annual Fall Bash & Guide Ride along the MA north shore. If you haven't already, please get your registrations to us ASAP! The registrations help our event sponsor Cycles 128 ensure they have enough food and drink for everybody. If you wait until the day of the event to register we may have more people than food and we all know how Gold Winger's like to eat!

One of the rides planned for July was the "Beach House" lead by Gardner that was postponed due to his injury. We've reschedule the ride to September 18th in place of the apple picking ride. While it may not be a hot beach day it will be a lot of fun. Gardner is hoping his injury will have healed enough so he can lead the ride, if not we'll have someone take over and lead us to the beach.

Speaking of healing, a big Get Well Soon goes out to Don & Carol Mahn, yes both recently had hospital stays. Don with a knee replacement and Carol with some wound infections in her arm. Last I heard Carol was out of the hospital preparing for the start of the school season. And Don? He's been busy shopping for his new 4 wheeled Hannigan Wing, ask Don about that when you get a chance. ☺

The first day of Fall arrives on Friday September 23rd which just so happens to coincide with the annual NY Hot Air Balloon Festival held in the Lake George region and with the NY-N Ride Out. Several from the chapter have already made their reservations and plan to head up Friday morning in a group ride. If you'd like to join us please drop us a line. Also heard from our friends down on the Cape the MAL (Members At Large) formally MA-B, there are several from their chapter including Ron & Deb headed to NY with us. With the washed out bridges and roads from Irene in VT, it will be a challenge to get us there by all back roads.

Our 10th, 20th & 30th of the month Ice Cream rides are well underway this year and will wrap up for the season the end of October. The starting location is the same as all rides – Reading, MA in the 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 some ice cream. You can also see our web site for further details. <http://www.gwrrama-a.org/>

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.

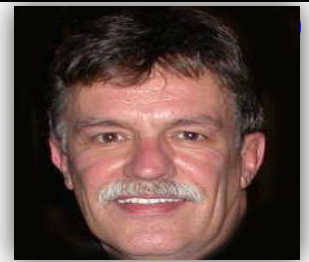
Kevin





Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"





Greetings once again from the Director's Chair! Here we are in September, and there are still more events to attend. Bob and I attended the Bi-State Convention for NY/NJ in Liverpool NY. If you did not get to attend, you miss a good time and some beautiful country to ride in. MA-A will be hosting a "Fundraiser Event" on September 11th, at Cycles 128. I hope that many of you have signed up for a great day with our sister chapter. Check out our other sister states, such as CT, NH, ME, VT, MA and RI for local rides and events. Don't forget about NH-E's Hobo Stew, on Sunday September 18th, PA Convention, September 8-10th, NH-A Extravaganza, November 4-6th, RI-B will be hosting a "50's Dance with Pasta Supper, September 24th, a flyer has been sent out with all the details, we hope to see you all there for another good time. All the other events you will find on the various web sites. Please check them out.

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. Please register in advance for any and all the events you plan to attend as this makes it a lot easier on those planning these events. Numbers are needed when ordering food and planning for all that is needed for the day of that event. Remember, we want other Chapters to support our events during the year, so please try to support their events also. We realize that the economy is still not good, and none of us can afford to go to every single event, but please try to attend when and where you are able. It is also really great to see each Chapter in their colors when attending these events, show your pride and wear your shirts and vests if you have them. And above all else, besides having FUN, please wear "All The Gear All The Time", when going on rides, events, or participating in seminars or light parades, etc. GWRRA wants us to have FUN, but we also want to be safe.

Sadly we are winding down on some of the riding, but September and October can bring some of the best riding days yet! The Region meeting will be held in NY on October 22nd, and all of your DD's and RE's, will be attending to plan for the coming year, 2012. Bob and I, plus our ADD's, Kevin and Georgia LeBlond, Cheryl Chamberlain, Dist Treas, Brenda Bollivar, Dist Rider Ed, will be attending this meeting and will bring back new ideas to share with all of the Chapters throughout our Districts. We are also looking for a Chapter Director for CT-B, as Skip and Sam McQueeney are moving to TN at the end of September. We will work together in keeping the chapter up and running and hopefully we will have someone step up to the position of CD soon. We thank Skip and Sam for a job well done and wish them the best in their new home in TN.

I will be out of commission for a short time this Month, as my hip replacement surgery is scheduled for September 6th! Hopefully I will heal really fast and be back in the swing of things before you know it. I will have access to my cell phone, and some e-mails, once I get thru my rehab period, and of course my best guy, and right hand man, will fill in when needed. Also our ADD's, Kevin and Georgia will be available for your questions also. I should be back on the bike by next riding season, yea!!!

Thanks for all your support and friendship, without you, the members, Bob and I would not be able to do all we do. We hope everyone had a Happy 4th of July.

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

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday Sep 21st @ 7:00pm
(meeting)**

Up-Coming Ride/Events



Ice Cream Rides

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



Allan Smeltzer	Sep 10
Pearl Price	Sep 18
Sean McCarthy	Sep 23
Gardner Gray	Sep 27
Dottie Wood	Sep 28

The Setterlund's

Sep 10

Congratulations to August's meeting winners!

Item

Radio
DD Card
DD Card
Photo Album
Halloween décor
Cosmetic Case
Insulated Sip Cup
Bread
BS mirrors/Power outlet
Bertucci Card
50/50
10 Free tickets
5 Free tickets

Donor

Frank Silveria
Dot Wood
Bill d'Entremont
Reuben McDonald
Reuben McDonald
Joan Houde
MaryBeth Traynor
Allan Smeltzer
Tom Fallon
Jim Scofield
Sharon Scofield
Mystery picture winner

Winner

MaryBeth Traynor
Ron Small
MaryBeth Traynor
Allan Smeltzer
Sharon Scofield
Kathy Fallon
Reuben McDonald
Joan Houde
Earnie Dever
Joan Houde
MaryBeth Traynor
Allan Smeltzer