



**December 2005 Gold Wing Road Riders**

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M A K E - A - D I F F E R E N C E

**International News**

We have “new” recruiting cards currently going to production. This card is a follow-up result of suggestions and ideas and recommendations provided by several Officers and Mentors. The card will be provided via New Member packets, Renewal packets, promotional packets and by request from the Districts and Chapters to Member Services.

The card will come preprinted with the GWRRA contact information as well as locations for the individual Member to note their Member number for credit in recruiting. The cards also will have a hole punched in the center which will allow Members to slip the card over an antenna on a bike if the rider is not available. The purpose and intent of the new card is to replace the "Hanger Bars" from the "Join Now-Pay Later" program that has been discontinued. The new cards are business card size and easily carried in pocket, purse or bike to be readily available. Members may use them any time they meet a new friend that they would like to invite to an event or activity. It is still suggested that the Members also carry a full sized Membership Application and an "extra" copy of Wing World for demonstration in their bike.

The cards can be used as an introduction to a potential Member, an invitation to join a Chapter on a ride or for a gathering (free breakfast, door prize?) or to become aware of the GWRRA website and all of the locations of Chapters in the geographic area. Each Chapter or District can find many ways to use the cards to help their Chapter Go and Grow.

We appreciate your support and request you share this information with your District and Chapter Directors as soon as possible.

On a different subject, included is information on the GWRRA Country Evening and Dinner at Smiley Hollow at the Nashville Wing Ding. I would appreciate it if you would share this information and the associated web site with the Districts and Chapters. I would also request that this information be incorporated within your newsletters and the District newsletters so that the Members that are interested can make their reservations and schedule the ride into their Wing Ding plans.

This will be a fun event with great ride, good food, and lots of activities for our Members to enjoy at Smiley Hollow.

Warm Regards,  
Don Brock

A GWRRA Country Evening and Dinner at Smiley Hollow

<http://www.smileyhollow.com>

Monday, July 3rd, 7pm—10pm

Cost: \$40/person

\$10/person round-trip bus service from Opryland Hotel

Tickets will be in your registration packet.



A scenic ride from downtown Nashville, Smiley Hollow is a hop, skip, and jump from civilization. Join us for an evening of fun, friends, music, dancing, games and a marvelous barbecue for Wing Ding delegates.

Dinner Menu includes barbecue chicken, pulled pork, country-style baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, southern style cole slaw, corn cakes, old fashioned country desserts, fresh fruits, coffee, iced tea, soft drinks, and freshly popped corn.

In addition to the yummy meal, there will be a band, dancing and a line dance instructor. Other FUN activities include, horseshoe pits, beach-style volleyball, basketball toss, swings, sand box, limbo, hula hoops, 18-hole miniature golf course and old-fashioned hayrides on a wooded trail (weather permitting). All this is only \$40 per person!

## From The Region Director

The holiday season is in full swing and no doubt, everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving! There will be many Chapter holiday get-togethers, so be safe and enjoy the festivities.

It is also time to make your reservations for all of the wonderful District Rallies that are planned for 2006.

Make your Wing Ding reservations by visiting <http://www.wing-ding.org/housing.html>. You should not call the Hotels directly. Registering correctly will ensure that you receive the correct room rate. There has been some confusion pertaining to parking fees, so all that is needed to avoid them is your Wing Ding Arm Band. Wing Ding in Nashville is going to explode with excitement. Do not put off your plans to attend what will be an outstanding event this July. Why read about it when you can live it! Many of your GWRRA family will be there, so do not miss out on this Wing Ding. I am predicting one of the largest turnouts from the Northeast Region, so join us as we wish America a Happy Birthday from Nashville, TN.

You will find a great deal of valuable information provided by the Region Staff within the Region Newsletter. Please take the time to read their articles each and every month. The more you know, the better prepared you are to have fun!

Thinking back to your math classes in school, you may remember that the “whole” is equal to the sum of its parts. There are many parts that make up GWRRA and each is important and contributes to the “whole”. Rider Education, Leadership Training, Membership Enhancement, Couple of the Year, Motorist Awareness, Public Relations, CPR/FA, Operations, Regions, Districts, Chapters, and our family of members. Your involvement with the parts, contributes significantly to the greatness of the “whole”. Stay involved, because our success as an organization is in the hands of all of us.

Linda and I would like to wish you and your family a Joyous Holiday and a Healthy and Happy New Year! 2006 will be a banner year for GWRRA, so ride safe, be well, and have lots of fun!

Sincerely,

*Jere & Linda Goodman  
Northeast Region  
Directors*

**BEEP! BEEP!**



## Leadership Training

### FunShop 2006 News

Wayne and Cathie Ketenheim, Region FA/CPR Coordinators will be offering interested individuals with an opportunity to become a FA/CPR Instructor for GWRRA. This training will be offered on Sunday, March 26, 2006 at the FunShop in Binghamton, NY.

If you are interested in being trained as a FA/CPR Instructor, you should read the information below provided by Tony VanSchaick, Assistant International Director, Rider Education.

For those new to emergency care training, the three-step instructor certification process outlined below will get you started. If you are a current health care provider, such as an EMT, First Responder, or if you have CPR/first aid training, you can skip Step One.

### Step One

Attend and successfully complete student-level training for the programs you wish to teach. This will provide you with an understanding of the course content and the physical skills necessary to be able to perform effective emergency care. If you currently possess these skills, you've already completed Step One!

### Step Two

Familiarize yourself in the comfort of your home with our instructor self-study system. This process explains the nuts and bolts of the MEDIC FIRST AID instructional design and basic class administration. Condensing this traditional classroom-based information into a self-paced resource reduces time spent in the classroom.

### Step Three

This session is designed to help new instructors become skilled in presenting the instructional elements found in MEDIC FIRST AID Training Programs, including Real-time Demonstrations, Small Group Practices, Talk-through Scenarios, and Performance Evaluations.

Once an instructor, you'll be eligible to purchase student materials and teach certified MEDIC FIRST AID Training Programs!"

Note that in step one, prospective instructors (facilitators per MFA) need to have training as a student in the program CPR/First Aid (and AED if this is being taught as well) or be a medical professional or an instructor in another organization for step one. It may be a good idea before asking for people interested in becoming instructors to specify that they need to meet these requirements.

In step two, there is a course textbook for the instructor which has the application to become a Facilitator in it. It is called the MFA Basic Registry Handbook (Code 1628) at a cost of \$40.00. Only an MFA Trainer or Master Instructor can order them. Since the Facilitator candidate is assumed to have been a student previously, the student materials are not included in the Facilitator materials. These are needed to demonstrate teaching the course. For those who do not have the materials, if only CPR and First Aid are being taught, the cost of the Student Text is an additional \$5.25 (code 5038). If AED will be included, the student text for all three (CPR/FA/AED) is \$8.00. Only instructors can purchase student materials and for GWRRRA, we designate a single coordinator in the Region as a point of contact to do this, Wayne Ketenheim.

So that the cost is not hidden, people need to know that there is a renewal fee for MFA Facilitators every two years of \$25. This should be considered by Facilitator candidates. Once again, it would be nice for the organization benefiting from the volunteered services of the Facilitator to sponsor this cost as well.

Step three would be the course being presented at the Fun Shop.

A final message is that these Facilitators will be trained under GWRRRA's program and will only be able to teach classes with at least some GWRRRA Members in it. They will not be licensed to teach outside of GWRRRA. There is an entire section in the GWRRRA Rider Education Program Handbook that should be referenced before anyone gets involved in GWRRRA MFA.

We really want and need new MFA Facilitators, and consider it only fair to let the prospective Facilitator know what they are getting into ahead of time.

If you are interested in attending this training at the FunShop, please remember you must pre-register by March 3, 2006.

*Dottie & Ed Bahrenburg,  
Northeast Region Trainers*



## **Rider Education**

Hi everyone

If you didn't make the Region Meeting on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> you missed a very good meeting. A lot of information was given, discussed, and deciphered on a plethora of topics. If you missed our NERD (Northeast Region Director) as General Patton and Pete Lucero as himself, well that was worth the price of admission.

The Rider Education presentation centered a lot on **reporting**, and why it's so hard to get the reports from the Chapters to the Districts, and from the Districts to the Region. A couple of ideas were for the DE's to send an e-mail to each CE (and CD if necessary) soon after each Chapters meeting reminding them of the information needed and when to send it. Possibly a phone call to those who never seem to send them in would work, or a face to face at their meeting or a rally. As RD I don't have any one District that "always forgets" to send me their reports **but** it seems like each month at least one District doesn't join the party.

I found out at the Region Meeting from Bill Lacey (DD, Ma.) that Tony VanSchaick once made a Reporting form that can be saved on your computer, reused, typed on, and sent in to your reporting officer. Bill sent it to me, and what a good tool it is to have. All each CE, CD, DE, or DD needs to do is **fill in the blanks**. That's it, fill in the blanks and send it on as an attachment. Bingo 3-5 minutes and you're done with that month's reporting. One more good thing about this reusable form is that you don't need to remember (good for me) what information is needed, it's all right there. I sent this form to the DE's for them to use, if they want, and to send on to the CE's for their use. If you didn't get it ask your DE or DD. If that doesn't work, ask me.

Another topic of discussion was the forms that are being used by some Chapters & Districts. Some of the forms I receive are old ones. Please check the disc I gave out at the meeting or the RE Handbook, or the International web site to be sure you're using the latest forms.

Here is the latest news from Bob Lorenz concerning the Rider Ed. Levels Programs.

November 18, 2005

Rider Education Division Announcement

Re: Level IV – Master Tour Rider Program

As announced in July 2005, the Master Tour Rider Program will be providing enhancements and revisions in the short-term future. This process and the recommendations for enhancement are currently being finalized to provide long-term enhancement to not only the Level IV aspect of the Program but to all of the Rider Education Program (REP) levels and content.

The initial enhancement is the removal of the renewal fee for the Level IV Program. Effective with the 2006 annual renewal, no renewal fee will be charged to any Master that is continuing their participation in the Program. Master Tour Riders will still be required to provide renewal information annually. The annual renewal hanger bars will be made available for purchase (\$2.00 each) through the Region/District/Chapter channels as other Rider Education Program patches and pins are currently.

For those Masters who have already sent in their renewal fee, a refund will be sent from the GWRRA Home Office. Annual renewal forms for the Master Tour Riders are to be forwarded directly to Tony & Michelle Van Schaick, Rider Education Database via the Rider Education Officers chain of communications for processing and inclusion in the REP database Administrators and not to the Home Office.

One immediate impact to the renewal fee removal will be the Wing Ding Masters Breakfast Event. Those Masters that wish to attend this event will need to purchase tickets with their Wing Ding registration. Tickets will not be available until early 2006 to allow for completion of event planning.

Effective immediately all renewal fees for Levels II & III are suspended. The renewal hangers and pins will be a purchased item through the Chapter Educator for \$2.00 each.

All Level II & III renewal forms are requested to be completed annually per the REP program criteria and forwarded directly to Tony Van Schaick for inclusion in the REP database.

If there are any questions regarding this please contact me.

Sincerely,

Bob Lorenz  
Senior International Director-Rider Education

It was 16° here Last Friday AM about 40 miles North of Albany, and there was black ice all over the place. Lots of accidents on the clover leafs, and I still saw 4 Motorcycles on my way to work. If you are still riding that's great, but be extra careful of the invisible black ice.

This incident was mentioned at the Region Meeting and on NY C's newsletter.

### **Wheel Spinners**

A word to the wise, I had panic situation the other night that almost made me crash big time. I was approaching a stop light (I had the green) and a little sports car had those spinner wheels on it. I could have sworn that car was going through the light. I swerved hard to the right into the next lane. Thank God no one was there. The car was not moving. My point is that we have a hard enough time with all the obstacles to avoid that this is a big one that needs to be addressed to all the members. – Ernest Dube

The correct action here is to concentrate on what is important rather than what is flashy. This may be particularly difficult for all those chrome lovers out there. Remember to watch the tires, especially the top of the tire if it is not hidden by fender. This gives a true indication of whether the vehicle is in motion.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and didn't gain too much weight.

Please have a wonderful Christmas Season and be safe.

*Northeast Region Educator  
Dick Norton*



### **MED (Membership Enhancement Division) Coordinators**

We are at the point of the year where many of us put our rides to bed for the winter and focus on the social part of Chapter life; our holiday parties, meetings, winter rallies, dinner runs and get-togethers. However, this "down time" also gives us the opportunity to prepare for the spring rush of new Wingers with "spring bike fever", looking to get out on their new Gold Wing and ride into the sunset. Those people need us! We can teach them to ride safe and maximize the enjoyment of their new purchase. But most importantly, we can introduce them to their new family, GWRRA.

Here's what we need to do. MAKE A RECRUITMENT PLAN! Get a few friends together for a couple of evenings. Start designing new posters to be hung in the local Honda dealer showrooms, community bulletin boards, etc., inviting Gold Wingers to attend monthly meetings and participate in the chapters. Prepare introductory literature to hand out at dealer "open house" events, cruise nights and tire kicks. Order a supply of GWRRA "hang tags" to put on those shiny new Wings that you will see in parking lots around town. What's that you say? You're not that creative? NO PROBLEM. Go to the GWRRA website to the *OFFICERS* tab, to *MOTORCYCLE SOUNDS* and click on *OFFICERS RESOURCES*. You will find an abundance of information including the "Come Party With Us Flyer" that you can download and use. The *NATIONAL DIVISIONS* tab will take you to the *OPERATIONS* page where you will find the *MEMBER ENHANCEMENT* button. There's some good stuff there. Too! Don't forget to SHARE. If you come up with a great piece of creativity, share it with us! Send it to me at [ribil@comcast.net](mailto:ribil@comcast.net). I will forward it to all the other District Directors who can pass it along to the Chapters.

Chris and I would like to wish all the best to you and your families for this Holiday season and all the year through. We wish you Peace, Prosperity and Happiness. But most of all, we wish you *FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE!*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Roy & Chris Bill  
Northeast Region MED Coordinators*



## **MAD-Motorist Awareness Division**

It was great seeing a bunch of old friends at the Northeast Region Staff Meeting November 12 and making a bunch of new friends. The staff meeting was an eye opener for us. Yes, we're new, but it was also interesting and exciting to hear about all the districts that make up the region. It was exciting to us to hear the enthusiasm that was present about the organization we belong to. In a world of cynics, it's great to be around people who are excited about what they're doing.

We hope everyone had a safe return home. Now that riding season is ending it's a great opportunity for everyone to work on getting district staff people in place.

If anyone has any questions about the Motorist Awareness Division please feel free to contact us. We can get you brochures or any other information you might need.

*Keith & Kathleen Eddy  
Northeast Motorist Awareness Division Coordinators*



## **Public Relations**

### **WORKING TOGETHER**

Here in GWRRA we have volunteer's step up to take the lead on our many tasks. These volunteers are fine people that put forth-great effort to create the atmosphere necessary to the type of success we enjoy in GWRRA. But there is another important element that many people forget about that ties everything together and produces success. That element is TEAMWORK. To succeed today in any endeavor that involves more than one person it requires TEAMWORK. Here's how the dictionary defines TEAMWORK—1. Cooperative effort on the part of a group of persons acting together as a team or in the interests of a common cause. 2. Work done with a team. Let's look at the Regions first. We have a Region Director who is a GWRRA Member the same as the rest of us. The big difference is that he has stepped up and accepted the challenge on our (member's) behalf. He is willing to do this job because someone must take this position in order that organization can function. The District Director is the same, as is the Chapter Director. Unless you've been in one of these positions you cannot imagine how important TEAMWORK becomes. If you have ever tried to accomplish something with a few people and they aren't working together you can then understand how hard it is for these officers of ours when they must try to work with the many numbers of people they are required to deal with. Let me give you an example. Let's say that the Region, District or Chapter decides to run a ticket raffle to raise funds because they want to do something special for you the members. They ask the members to help to sell these tickets. If all the members take some tickets and sell them the task is very easily accomplished. That's excellent TEAMWORK. The job gets done quickly and thoroughly with little effort on any one's part, everyone benefits. The job gets done. No needless strain is put on the officers or anyone else. If only half the people help sell the tickets, that puts more work on the people selling the tickets because they have to sell twice as many to get the job done. At the same time the good deed that the ticket money will support will be done for all the members that are involved that includes the ones that didn't help sell the tickets. This last example is POOR TEAMWORK and puts undo pressure on the people I used the ticket sales example because I believe that everyone has been involved in ticket sales some time or another, even if it wasn't in GWRRA, and you can relate to what I am trying to point out.



Remember any time these Officers take on a challenge on your behalf get behind them and support them with the WHOLE TEAM and see how easy your forward progress becomes and also how strong the organization becomes You never know maybe sometime in the future you may be one of those officers and you'll be looking for TEAMWORK from your constituents TEAMWORK is a winner.

*Mort & Ruth Smith  
International PR Newsletter Editors; N.E., Northeast Region, PA. District PR Coordinators*



## **COY Corner**

This is the time of year when chapters should start thinking about selecting there 2006 Chapter Couple. As you go through that thinking process Mike and I would like to give you a few suggestions on choosing that perfect Couple:

1. Choose a couple that has completed one year membership in GWRRA prior to participating in the Chapter Couple of the Year Selection Process. The Couple of the Year Program was established to recognize couples for their dedication, accomplishments, and participation in GWRRA.
2. Look for a Couple that you would be proud to have represent you and the Association. They should be knowledgeable about GWRRA.
3. Remember there is more to being a Chapter Couple then selling 50/50 tickets. They will support you, help with chapter functions, and in most cases your couple will be the first people your visitors and new members see. So look for the couple that most exemplifies what is best for your chapter needs.

Message for Couple of the Year:

- You have been selected to be an ambassador for GWRRA, which is quite an honor.
- You will meet a lot of new “friends” and will form a special bond with your fellow Couples.
- HAVE FUN and BE YOURSELF
- The more positive exposure you receive, the more the program will thrive.

We hope you find these suggestions useful. We welcome any comments or suggestions to improve the Couple of the Year Program. Also, please remember that help and advice are only a phone call away!

We hope everyone has a great Holiday Season!!!

*Julie & Mike Walters  
2005 Region B COY*



## **Northeast Region Couple of the Year**

We have just returned from our first Regional staff meeting. It was great to meet all the various people from our region. Some we have met before and others are now old friends.

There was a lot of information exchanged in a short time. Most of it centering on how we grow as an organization. Many ideas were floated around the room and became food for thought. Our question to ourselves was/is “How does the Couple of the Year program fit into this picture?”

It is our opinion that one of the most important programs within GWRRA is the Couple of the Year. And the Chapter Couple is the Couple most likely to make a difference. The Chapter Couple should be more than just the 50/50 or raffle people you just see once a month. They should be the ones who gather ‘round the new people as they come to a gathering and introduce them to our GWRRA family. The Chapter Couple may wish to sit with the new people and explain what is happening at the gathering, who each person is and what they do along with all the benefits of belonging to GWRRA and to their particular chapter. Hopefully, they will take it a step further and call the new member after the gathering and help them with any questions or make sure they have been invited to the next (several) chapter rides, ice cream socials, bowling or dinners. It is important that every chapter has a Chapter Couple.

Each District Couple of the Year is an experienced Chapter Couple and should work with Chapter Couples in their District, helping them along, providing support and preparing them for the next District Selection process. Additionally, every Chapter Couple and District Couple should be available to meet with prospective Chapter Couples to answer any questions they may have.

Those involved in the Couple of the Year program really are the “fun ambassadors” in GWRRA. If people do not have “fun” then how can we expect them to stay around for our “Safety and Knowledge?”

It is our intent to meet with as many District and Chapter Couples as possible during our tenure as Region B “Couple of the Year.” We would like to hold two or three get together throughout the Region and invite District and Chapter Couples for a “meet and greet” dinner and ride. Dates, locations and times will be announced.

*Sandie & Rosy  
Region B 2005-2006 Couple of the Year*



**Fun Shop NE...**  
**Make a Difference!**

**Saturday, March 25, 2006...**  
**8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Keynote Address: Bob Lorenz,**  
**Senior National Director, Rider Education**

**Seminars, Games, Skits, Raffle, 50 / 50**

**Friday Night Networking & Hospitality Room**

**Sunday, March 26, 2006, Training will be offered for those interested in becoming a  
Rider Education Seminar Presenter, Leadership Training Instructor, or First  
Aid/CPR Instructor**

**Binghamton Regency Hotel & Conference Center**

**Binghamton, NY**

**Room cost: Double \$72, Triple \$82, Quad \$92. Reservations: call 1-800-723-7676  
and mention GWRRA before March 3, 2006**



***Theme: Make a Difference!***

***Leadership Training!***

***Rider Education!***

***Motorist Awareness!***

***And More....***

**Registration Deadline:**

***March 3, 2006***

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**Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Chapter & District: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email address:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost (# attending x \$5 =)**

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**(#) \_\_\_ will attend Sunday \_\_\_ LTI or \_\_\_ RESP \_\_\_ FA/CPR**

**Instructor**

Send registration & check (payable to GWRRA Region B) no later than March 3, 2006 to:

**Dottie Bahrenburg, Northeast Region Trainer  
P.O. Box 448, Chenango Bridge, NY 13745**

Questions: email [wingin-it@stny.rr.com](mailto:wingin-it@stny.rr.com) or by phone 607-648-4351

**NE Region & District Web Pages**

- Northeast Region B at ..... <http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org>
- Connecticut at ..... <http://www.gwrra-ct.org>
- Maine at ..... <http://www.geocities.com/gwrramaine/index.html>
- Maryland at ..... <http://www.gwrra-md-district.org>
- Massachusetts at ..... <http://www.gwrrama.org>
- Delaware at ..... <http://www.homestead.com/gwrrade/index.html>
- New Jersey at ..... <http://www.gwrranj.org>
- Pennsylvania at ..... <http://www.gwrrapadist.org>
- New York at ..... <http://www.tier.net/~gwrra/district/nydistrict/htm>
- Rhode Island at ..... <http://www.gwrra-ri.org>
- Vermont at ..... <http://users.adelphia.net/~trikeinvt/index.html>

If yours isn't listed, drop a line to [JereGood@aol.com](mailto:JereGood@aol.com) and I will ensure it gets recognition!

**Northeast Region and Neighboring Region/District Events**

Remember the District Events in our Region count towards the Visit-A-District program for visitation bars.

**2006 Events:**

Jan. 12-14, Wintherthing 2006, Ocean City, MD  
Mar. 25, Northeast Region "Fun Shop NE",  
Binghamton, NY (LTD, Rider Ed, MAD)  
May 18-21, DE District Rally, Harrington, DE  
July 3-6, Wing Ding, Nashville, TN

July 20-22, New England Districts Rally (ME,  
VT, NH, MA, RI, CT), Vernon, CT  
Aug. 24-27, PA District Rally, Lancaster, PA  
Sept. 7-9, NJ District Rally, Mt. Olive, NJ

LET US KNOW WHERE YOUR EVENT FITS IN FOR 2006